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46 burned to death in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — At least 46 persons were burned to death Sunday when a 20-meter-high wooden replica of the "Himalayas" caught fire in the textile town of Ahmedabad, in the western coastal state of Gujarat. Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported. Three persons have been hospitalized.

Reports suggested the toll might be even higher as police were still searching the ruins of wooden structure. Forty-six bodies have so far been recovered.

Most of the victims were women and children who had come to visit the attraction. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi expressed deep sorrow at the tragedy, coming just one day after the Qutab Minar stampede, near here, in which 45 persons were killed and over 100 injured.

The model is located beside the Nilkanth Mahadev Temple in Ahmedabad, 750 kms southwest of the Indian capital.

Reports from the scene said most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition. Charred limbs of some of those who died "were lying scattered in the field where the structure had stood," the reports added.

Cheese scandal erupts in Italy

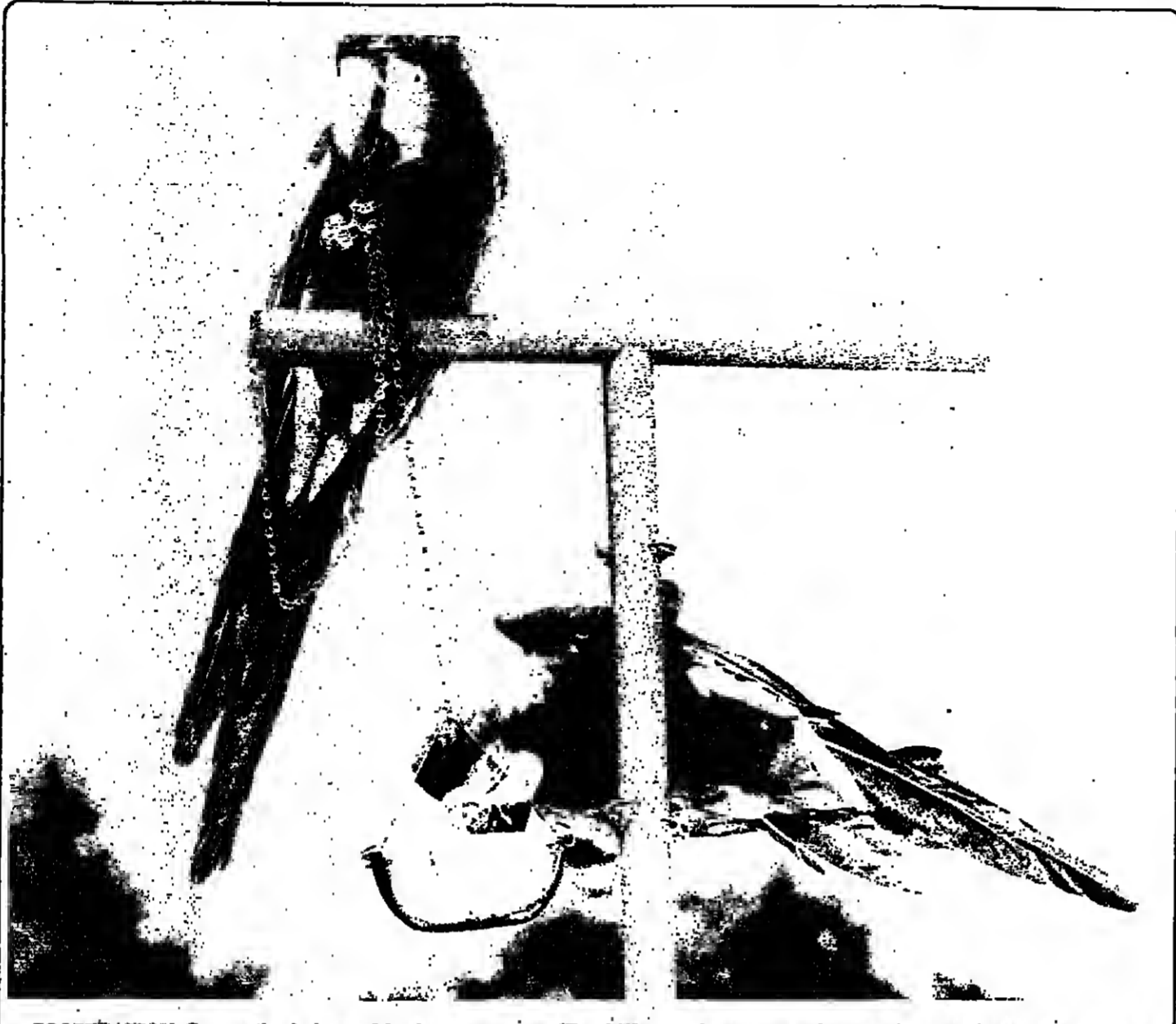
FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 6 (AFP) — A kilo of Parmesan cheese purchased in Karachi, Pakistan, could become the prime ingredient in a scandal revolving around an earthquake in southern Italy last year.

The cheese bought by an anonymous Italian engineer was intended for earthquake victims. It bore a tag that read: "Free Parmesan destined for the homeless of southern Italy's Nov. 23, 1980, earthquake."

The Florence daily *La Nazione* reported Saturday that the cheese was part of a consignment bought up in 1979 by the Italian Agricultural Support Intervention Agency. After the earthquake, the agency donated 14 tons of Parmesan in one-kilo units to the earthquake victims.

The paper speculated the cheese might have been:

- Sold to a Naples sailor leaving for Pakistan.
- Disappeared somewhere on the Rome-Naples highway.
- Diverted by the administration charged with emergency food distribution.



COOPERATION: Cooperation is the word for these two parrots. The airlift operation was spotted at Weeki Wachee Spring, Florida. After a busy day performing for the public, they want their sunflower seeds. The lower bird could be saying, "A little higher please."

U.S. recovery hopes recede as year nears end

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AFP) — The year started with economic recovery in the United States but is closing with a new recession and growing doubts about President Ronald Reagan's bold budget-cutting and free-enterprise policy.

When Reagan took office last January, the economy was doing rather well despite record high interest rates. The gross national product (GNP) rose in the first three months at the annual rate of 8.6 percent — the best performance of the year. The new president moved swiftly to put his economic policy in force. Business approved, but the Democrats considered it reactionary.

Reagan's policy has featured deep cuts in the federal government's welfare-state role. He wants private profit to regain its traditional role as the motor of the economy. And he began abolishing government regulations which he said hampered businessmen.

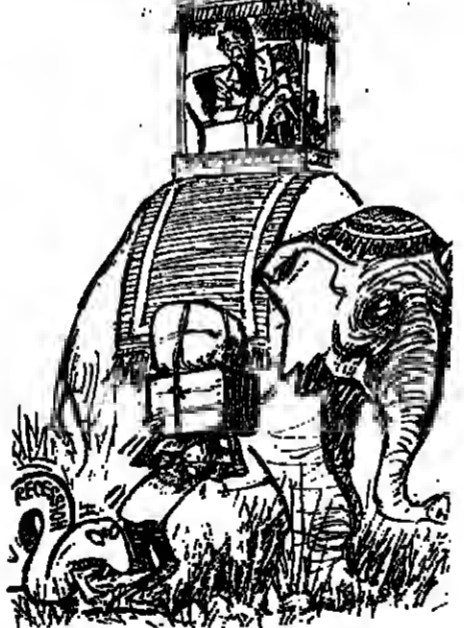
The president's popularity enabled him to persuade Congress to slash spending on welfare programs, cut income and corporation taxes and cut the Carter administration budget by \$35 billion to \$700 billion. That left a deficit of \$43 billion, and he vowed to eliminate the budget deficit in three years.

The federal reserve banks are independent of the president's control. But their head, Paul Volcker, agreed with Reagan that the money supply should be restricted to fight inflation. The resulting shortage of liquidities kept interest rates high, and had the same

effect on the dollar's international exchange rate. Foreign governments complained that as a result they had to raise interest rates and pay more for the dollars with which they buy their petroleum.

Reagan shrugged off their complaints at the Western summit conference in Ottawa.

"I HOPE IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS"



last July. In effect, he told them that what was good for the American economy would eventually benefit their economies too. A more serious obstacle for him was growing skepticism

in Wall Street. Investment advisers feared he was trying to do too much too quickly.

In September, the tight money supply started slowing down business. Reagan demanded additional budget cuts from Congress to hold the deficit down to his target of \$43 billion. But in October, recession set in. The president and his advisors admitted they had not foreseen it. The number of unemployed rose suddenly by half a million that month to reach 8.5 million.

Government sources now fear the number out of work might reach ten million and that GNP might decline in the last three months of this year at an annual rate of five percent. But there is still hope recovery will set in next spring or early in the summer. The president's economic advisor Murray Weidenbaum says recession is the price that must be paid to cure the economy of inflation. He points out that interest rates have dropped by several percentage points, and that prices will only have risen about 10 percent this year compared with 12.4 percent last year.

The president now says he will settle for a budget deficit of \$100 billion this year instead of \$43 billion. But federal reserve president Volcker does not like such a big deficit. Some economists think he, therefore, might tighten the screws on the money supply further, which would boost interest rates again, and delay economic recovery.

President Reagan seems determined to stick to his economic policy. He thinks that his popularity will weather the recession and enable him to restrain the eagerness of Congressmen to prime the economic pump by spending more money to improve their chances of re-election next November.

Religious reawakening irks China

PEKING, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Marxism and religion are incompatible, the Peking daily *Beijing Review* reaffirmed here Saturday in a sharp criticism of members of the Chinese Communist Party for religious activities.

Responding to a letter from a reader indignant at seeing people going to pray in mosques, the paper said party members should propagate atheism. "A Communist is not merely a citizen, but also a member of the party and as such must respect the constitution and the rules of the party," the paper said.

The Chinese constitution tolerates the exercise of religions, but limits their propagation, while formally recognizing "the freedom not to believe in religion and to propagate atheism." But members of the Communist

Party and of the Communist Youth League may not invoke this religious freedom because they "are not ordinary citizens," said *Beijing Review*.

Communists have "the obligation to actively propagate atheism," but they are not authorized "to believe in God," it said.

The article, one of many that have appeared in recent months, expressed concern by Chinese authorities over religious inroads among party ranks.

Since the installation of a policy of religious tolerance in recent years, Fujian, like other Chinese provinces, seems to have experienced a religious awakening. It added: "Members of the Chinese Communist Party who practice a religion have renounced a Marxist vision of the world."

Villager runs amok, hacks 8 to death

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6 (AFP) — In a sudden act of savagery, a villager hacked to death eight persons, including his own three daughters and two sons, before killing himself in Bankura district in West Bengal state Friday, police reports said Sunday. The villager was

apparently insane, police said.

His wife and a brother-in-law escaped with serious injuries and have been hospitalized in a "precarious" condition. The other three killed were his mother-in-law, an aunt and another relative.

Seoul bars males from girl schools

SEOUL, Dec. 6 (AFP) — The South Korean Education Ministry has decided to withdraw all bachelor men teachers from girls high schools, because of the danger of possible immoral conduct, reliable sources said here Saturday.

The nation was recently shocked by a case

OPEC seeks pact on oil price range

ABU DHABI, Dec. 6 (R) — OPEC tries this week to agree on an oil price range that lets all 13 members compete equally for sales and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) oil minister said Sunday this ought to include a cut in the group's price ceiling.

OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, agreed on a single base price of \$34 a barrel five weeks ago at emergency talks in Geneva that ended a two-year pricing free-for-all. But the ministers set only a temporary \$38 ceiling for high-quality North African crudes. Since the Oct. 29 meeting, African exporters have trimmed differentials — variations in price around the \$34 base to take account of quality differences — in a fight for sales, according to industry reports.

The UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba said, "The market does not really justify the present differentials. I think now is the time to revise it and have more practical differentials to give every crude its fair share of the market." He told reporters differentials should be something less than the \$3.50 a barrel now charged by high-quality African exporters.

The ministers, who meet Wednesday for the fourth time this year, will also work on a long-term strategy to govern price increases for years to come.

Iraq's oil minister, Tayeb Abdul-Karim, indicated the issue of differentials would not be a major problem. "It will be an easy meeting," he told reporters when he arrived in Abu Dhabi. Libyan Oil Minister Abdussalam Zaganar was optimistic that the differentials problem would be resolved at the meeting, according to an interview in the authoritative *Middle East Economic Survey* published Sunday. "Naturally, we would prefer a high differential if the market has improved," Zaganar said. "But it depends on our brothers in OPEC and on the market situation."

Wednesday's talks will be preceded Tuesday by a meeting of OPEC's six-member Long-Term Strategy Committee — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, Iran, Iraq and Venezuela — to review experts' recommendations made at talks in Vienna last month. Ministers of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) meet Monday and are expected to approve a Tunisian application to join the nine-member exporter group.

Interest, however, will focus on the OPEC talks where African price militants will be under pressure to make further price cuts to follow their unprecedented tariff reductions in Geneva, analysts said. Saudi Arabia raised its price by \$2 a barrel to \$34 at the meeting in return for price cuts by "Hawks" to a ceiling of \$38. Ahmad Zaki Yamani said then he thought the ceiling was too high and could not be defended in a glutted market.

Under the Geneva agreement, Libya and

Algeria cut prices to \$37.50 a barrel from around \$40 previously. Nigeria, with a huge population and a desperate need for oil revenues, set its tariff at \$36.50 to stimulate slumping sales. But since then, industry reports have said Libya has effectively cut its price to \$36.25 by offering tax relief to firms that pump its oil.

Kuwait, whose relatively heavy, sulphurous crude is priced at a dollar below the \$34 base rate, is also under pressure from its major customers to cut its price further.

A slump in world oil demand because of recession in the oil-consuming West, energy conservation and alternative energy sources had reduced demand for OPEC oil to about 20 million barrels per day (bpd) from a peak of 31 million in 1979. High-priced African producers were badly hit, with Nigerian production at a low of 500,000 bpd in the summer and still about 200,000 bpd below the country's 1.7 million target, informed sources said at a recent OPEC seminar in Vienna. Libyan output was less than a million bpd compared with about two million in 1979, industry sources estimate.

The OPEC ministers' long-term discussions will focus on proposals for a flexible pricing formula to replace a planned system of rigid price rises which would have increased the real cost of oil by two to three percent a year.

OPEC's president, Oil Minister Subroto of Indonesia, said in Jakarta last week that he believed the new formula should allow prices to rise and fall within a band, but with a floor through which they should not sink.

Sheikh Yamani, who masterminded the original proposal, has said it is no longer applicable because of plunging demand for OPEC oil, although there are differences among the ministers on what should replace it.

Subroto said a new formula should let exporters earn enough to restructure and modernize their economies, not impose too heavy a burden on Third World oil importers and allow industrialized economies to grow substantially.

At Monday's OPEC meeting, Tunisia will formally apply to join the Kuwait-based group. Tunisia, whose application was sponsored by Kuwait, produces about 110,000 bpd of oil. It is not a member of OPEC.

Fahd met Habib; trip continued

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd met here Sunday with the special U.S. envoy Philip Habib who left the country Sunday evening.

Habib is visiting the region as a representative of President Reagan.

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Kingdom wins award in exhibit

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian pavilion at India's International trade exhibition here won first prize, officials announced Sunday. Forty-two countries and a number of Indian firms took part in the trade fair.

Mohsen Al Saikhan, director of the pavilion, received a gold medal and a certificate from the exhibition's managers. The pavilion was visited by many Indian and foreign officials and businessmen from many parts of the world. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi also visited the display.

The pavilion contained a wide range of illustrations showing the Kingdom's progress in the fields of communications, education, heritage, petroleum production, agriculture, electricity and desalination. Earlier Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim flew to Delhi to visit the exhibition at the invitation of his Indian counterpart.

UPM opens college

DHAHRAN, Dec. 6 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Minerals celebrates the opening of the College of Environmental Design here Monday.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:12	12:13	11:44	11:31	11:56	12:25
Asr (Afternoon)	3:18	3:14	2:44	3:28	2:53	3:18
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:40	5:34	5:05	4:49	5:13	5:38
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Results positive

Housing ministers end talks

ALGIERS, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb said Sunday that Arab housing ministers had concluded "the most successful meeting so far" and reached their decisions without reservation.

Results of the sixth Arab housing ministers conference, which was concluded here Friday, are positive and will serve all Arab peoples, Prince Miteb said. He attributed the success to the true cooperation shown by the housing ministers during the conference's proceedings.

Schools to get technical warehouse

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — With German experts' assistance, the Vocational Training and Technical Education General Organization will build a central warehouse that will cater for schools, institutes and centers it supervises. Computers will be used in organizing the warehouse.

The issue was discussed at a recent meeting between Dr. Abdul Wahhab Atar, vocational training and technical education organization governor, and a team of German experts who are preparing the final studies for the project. The meeting was attended by Mubammad Al-Sulaiman Al-Dalaan, assistant deputy governor, and Abdullah Al-

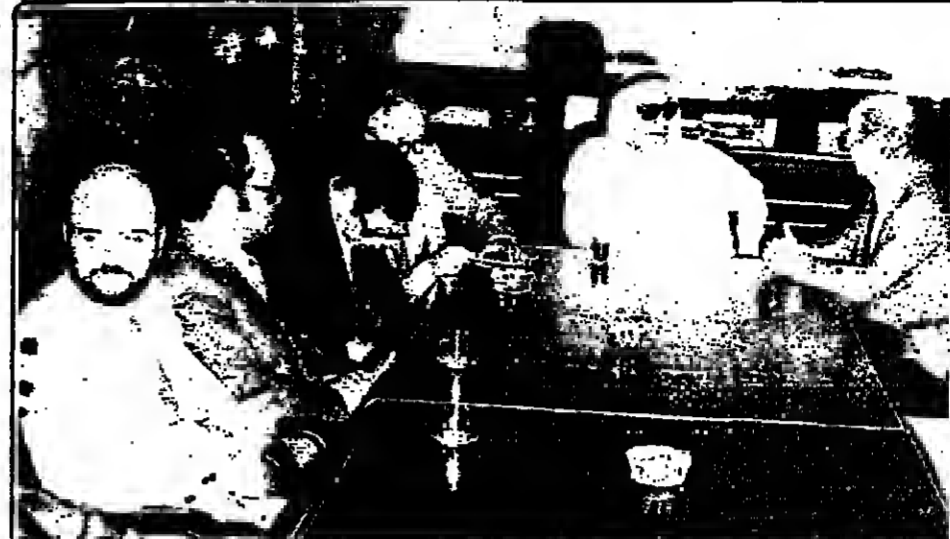
and cooperation by Algerian officials. The prince described relations between Algeria and the Kingdom as "excellent and progressing for the better" under the leadership of King Khalid and President Chedli Benjedid.

Prince Miteb, who headed the Kingdom's delegation to the conference, announced Friday an SR500 million donation by Saudi Arabia to finance a housing program at the earthquake — devastated city of Assam, Algeria. The conference also had reached a decision to contribute in the rebuilding of the Algerian city.

Zamel, director of technical education. Saudi Arabia and West Germany signed a technical cooperation and vocational training agreement in Bonn last month. The agreement was signed by Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil and German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher during the Saudi-German joint Commission's session.

Attar also had held a meeting with the French Cultural Attache here and the director of the French Language Institute in Riyadh to discuss further boosting cooperation in technical education between the two countries. The meeting especially discussed French expertise assistance in developing the curricula and potential of Jeddah's industrial institute.

The moves reflect the state's attention given to developing vocational training and technical education in order to achieve the objectives specified in the Third Five-Year Development Plan. The plan puts particular emphasis on preparing and training skilled national personnel needed to run the economic sectors.



TALKS HELD: Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawud, president of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, met with the visiting delegation from the Arab-Belgian Chamber of Commerce, led by its president. Discussions centered on various aspects of cooperation in the spheres of commerce, industry and agriculture between Saudi Arabia and Belgium.

MWL prepares meeting in Africa

MAKKAH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Secretary General of the Muslim World League, Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, announced here Sunday that preparations are being made for the second conference of coordination at the African level, which is to be held in Dakar late this month to discuss the future of Islamic propagation in Africa.

Harakan said the situation of African Muslims calls for the convening of this conference which will be attended by the heads of state of Mauritania, Guinea, Nigeria, Niger, Mali and Senegal. He said he appreciated the Senegalese government's gesture to host the conference and thanked President Abdou Diouf of Senegal for agreeing to open the conference.

On the other hand, Sheikh Muhammad

Babareth, head of the MWL's Committee for the propagation of the Holy Quran, said that one million copies of the Holy Book are being sent to Sudan, adding that an equal number had been sent to that country last year. He said that the government's efforts in printing and translating the meanings of the Holy Quran into English, French, Hausa and other languages aim at making the Holy Book available to all Muslims of the world.

In another development, a technical committee, charged with the publication of a volume to expose the distortion of facts about the Islamic poetry and history in the books of orientalist, begins its meeting at the Gulf Education Bureau here Monday.

The committee is composed of representatives from the bureau, AOECs, the Arab League, the Muslim World League and several Muslim scholars, including Fuad Sizin, the winner of King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies. The volume is to be published in several chapters.

Jeddah clean-up begins in four months-- mayor

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — The company that won Jeddah's cleaning contract will begin its operations within four months, according to Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi.

The mayor was quoted by *Al-Bilad* Sunday as saying that the company was given a specific period to prepare for a strong and comprehensive start in order to achieve success in its efforts. The five-year, SR1 billion contract calls for cleaning, maintaining and preserving streets, illumination, art works and monuments.

In addition, the company will remove building refuse in the city and install garbage collection containers "of acceptable appearance" in the streets. Mayor Farsi called on all technical and administrative departments to help the company with its task. Abdullah Baissa will be in charge of the technical affairs related to the company.

According to Deputy Mayor Barakat Bajnaid, the cleaning contract also contains provisions that require the management company, Arabia Cleaning Management, to compile statistics arising from its various areas of operations.

Speaking to *Arab News* earlier, the deputy mayor said that the provision requires the company to compile the statistics in regard to how many buildings are under construction, if completed buildings are vacant or are in use, to measure linear distances of roads being cleaned, and to accumulate population distribution figures. The municipality will then use the figures to projects accurately the needs of the city in terms of services, he added.

The official said that 1,200 tons of trash accumulates in Jeddah daily, and under the cleaning management company's direction one fourth of the refuse will be taken away and burned in incinerators. The rest will be sent to areas in north and south Jeddah for land reclamation. In a year, compactors also will be available in case an incinerator breaks down.

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SR172m contracts signed

Electric expansion set

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 (Special) — General Electricity Company Governor Mahmoud Tayba signed Sunday three contracts for expanding power stations in the Western Region. Tayba signed the SR172 million worth of contracts in his capacity as the chairman of the Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company for the Western Region.

He said the implementation of expansion projects will enable the consolidated company to meet the peak power demands in Makkah, Taif and Yanbu. Tayba commended the Saudi Industrial Development Fund's constructive role in financing capital-intensive power projects. Cooperation provided by SIDF officials contributed in the early conclusion of the three contracts, he said.

Two of the contracts, worth SR142 million, will expand Makkah's electricity station to meet the power load demands during the coming summer and pilgrimage seasons. The station's 417-megawatt production will be increased to 517 megawatt once the expansion is completed, Tayba said.

The third contract, amounting to SR30 million calls for the supply and installation of a complete power generating plant in Yanbu. It

includes an 18-megawatt gas turbine unit. The Yanbu power station is one of the general electricity company's projects expected to be merged with the Western Region consolidated company during the last week of April, 1982. Under the contract, the new generating plant will be operative in June or July of 1982.

The consolidated company came into effect Oct. 28, combining private electricity companies and government power projects in the Western Region. It is the last of the five regional power companies to be formed across the Kingdom.

The company's officials have revealed a plan to provide 170 sites for new electricity generating plants in Jeddah to meet the city's increasing demands and improve service.

Dr. Talal Bakr, the Western Region consolidated company's director general, said recently that the company is discussing the availability of the sites with officials of Jeddah Municipality. He praised the municipality's cooperation by meeting the company's requests for adding generating stations. The plan will help ease pressure on some stations which are presently operating at maximum capacity, he said.

Company urges phone bill payment

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — Telephone subscribers were urged Sunday to settle the bills for the current three-month period by Dec. 17 at the latest. Saudi Telephone, in a statement Sun-

KAU plans oil lecture

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — The College of Mechanical Engineering, King Abdul Aziz University, has arranged a special lecture focusing on the related problems of economics and technology Monday.

It will be held at the main auditorium, College of Sciences. The lecture on "The Changing Structure of the International Petroleum Industry: Past Lessons and Future Prospects" will be delivered by Dr. T. Moleo, Chief Economist of the Texaco Corporation.

E. Region roadwork begins

DAMMAM, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Work on the 32-kilometer-long Alkhubar-Dhahran-Dammam dual-lane road is being implemented in three parts at an overall cost of SR479.5 million according to Sami Fauda director general of roads department in the Eastern Province, Sunday.

He said the road will have three tracks for high speed traffic and another two for use as service lanes on each side. The road, with many parking areas will begin from Dhahran International Airport to Dammam, and will be provided with several concrete bridges, intersections and side lanes to give more facil-

Minister to hold talks in Amman

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aha Al-Khail leaves for Amman Monday, at the invitation of Salem Musa'adah, his Jordanian counterpart. Talks will deal with ways of promoting cooperation in the best interest of the two countries.

The delegation accompanying Aha Al-Khail, consists of Muhammad Al-Sughair, chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD); Osama Faqih, assistant undersecretary of the ministry and several other officials.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Amman that Aha Al-Khail will hold meetings with King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Mudhar Badran, during his stay in the Jordanian capital.

Bahrain ruler receives Taher

MANAMA, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa received Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher in Manama Sunday. Taher also met with Sheikh Hamad bin Issa Al-Khalifa, heir-apparent and acting prime minister of Bahrain. Development and Industry Minister Yousuf Ahmad Shirawi was present during the two meetings.

The Petromin governor arrived in the Bahraini capital Saturday on a two-day visit for talks with Shirawi on joint ventures between the two countries.

ity and safety in reaching Dammam, Alkhubar and Dammam, he added.

Fauda said the road is being built according to modern international specifications to keep pace with the region's development and also to cope with the increasing traffic. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the current year, he added. Fauda cautioned the public that special care would be needed while maneuvering the temporary detours.

Riyadh to receive Braille computer

RIYADH, Dec. 6 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdullah Muhammad Al-Ghanem, chairman of the regional bureau for the Middle East Committee for the Blind, said here Sunday that a Braille computer will be installed and operated at the bureau's press early May, 1982.

The computer, considered to be the third of its kind in the world, will provide a big leap in the printing of Arabic books through Braille, he said, adding that the present print-

ing rate of 15,000 pages per month will touch a new mark of 230,000 pages after the installation of the computer. This new achievement will help in meeting the needs of the blind in the Middle East, particularly in regard to the printing of the Holy Quran, he said.

Meanwhile, Ghaem Sunday met with the representatives of the executing companies to discuss the steps taken to train the technical cadre who will handle the printing job.

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Iran said conducting major purge of army

PARIS, Dec. 6 (AP) — The Iranian government is conducting a major purge of the army following a raid on the biggest army in Tehran, the office of exiled Iranian leader Massoud Rajavi claimed Saturday.

A spokesman for Rajavi, leader of the Mujahadeen movement, said a raid was conducted last month on the Lahuti barracks "in the heart of Tehran and all the weapons were completely expropriated." The spokesman, who insisted on anonymity, said the raid triggered "the mass arrest of a large number of army personnel linked to the progressive movement to liberate Iran. (Ayatollah Kho-

meini's so-called political and ideological bureau is purging the army at an accelerated rate."

The government's action was precipitated by the knowledge that many of the important elements of the armed forces remain loyal to President (Abolhassan) Bani-Sadr and the Mujahadeen," the spokesman said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. Bani-Sadr and Rajavi fled Iran July 29 and set up an anti-Khomeini resistance center north of Paris. A new president has since been elected in Iran, but Bani-Sadr maintains he is still the legal chief executive.

Chad troops advancing on Abeche

N'DJAMENA, Dec. 6 (R) — Government troops have clashed with rebel forces near Abeche in eastern Chad and are advancing on the town, Chad radio reported Sunday.

The radio said troops of the government's newly-formed National Integrated Army (ANI) Saturday fought elements of the rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN) of former Defense Minister Hissene Habre at Kotorofalata, 40 kms southwest of Abeche, capital of the eastern Waddai region. Troops led by ANI chief of staff Lt. Col. Ngolabaye Allafi were now heading toward Abeche, the radio added.

The radio said the clash was ANI's "baptism by fire" and that the rebels would soon be under attack by government troops

along the whole eastern front. The report would seem to confirm that Abeche is currently in rebel hands. Chadian Defense Minister Adoum Togo recently denied local reports to that effect, but conceded that the smaller border towns of Iriha Guerda and Adre to the east were held by the FAN.

Informed sources said the government was apparently seeking to counter the FAN's move westward to fill the vacuum created by the departure of several thousand Libyan troops last month, who left at the request of Chad President Goukouni Oueddei. President Goukouni originally called in the Libyans a year ago to drive Habre's men out of N'Djamena.

Juan Carlos confers with Zayed

ABU DHABI, Dec. 6 (R) — King Juan Carlos of Spain and United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan held talks Sunday on bilateral relations and Arab issues. UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah said the Spanish monarch pledged continued support for the Arabs.

Before his talks, King Carlos, accompanied by Queen Sofia, offered prayers in a church.

The royal couple arrived Saturday at the start of a four-day state visit to the UAE and Bahrain. UAE and Spanish officials also held separate talks to discuss economic, trade, petroleum and industrial issues.

BRIEFS

PEKING, (AFP) — Sudanese first Vice-President Abdul Magid Khalil arrived here Sunday for an official visit to China, which has had excellent relations with Sudan since the government in Khartoum broke with Moscow.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Six members of an Egyptian family died and eight of its other members are in hospital after eating "taamcyas" — A bean dish — mistakenly laced with insecticide.

DACCA, (AFP) — A cholera epidemic in the northwest Bangladesh district of Bogra has claimed 21 lives in the last three weeks, according to local officials, and 100 according to unofficial sources.

GAZA, (AP) — Arab shopkeepers in Gaza city closed their stores for the second consecutive day Sunday in a commercial strike protesting Israel's occupation and a 12-percent value added tax (VAT) on business transactions.

BEIRUT, (R) — An explosion wrecked a publishing house belonging to Iranian students in a southern suburb of West Beirut Saturday night, eyewitnesses said. No casualties were reported.

MANAMA (AP) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky arrived here from Kuwait Sunday for Mideast peace talks with the ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman al Khalifa.

Shamir told to stop Yamit blackmail

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6 (AFP) — The Israeli cabinet Sunday directed Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to "restore order" to the north Sinai town of Yamit, where hundreds of armed and-barricaded residents were braced for an assault.

Yamit is in the Sinai peninsula which has to be evacuated by Israel April 25 under the terms of the Camp David treaty.

The remaining residents refuse to leave. They term "ridiculous" the indemnification offered by the Israeli government for their displacement. Israeli television Saturday night showed Yamit surrounded by a barricade of sand bags, barbed wire and iron girders, saying entry would be impossible without force.

Israeli cabinet spokesman Yossef Shmulevitch said in a television interview Saturday night that the Yamit residents' demands were "exaggerated out of all reasonable proportion, a veritable blackmail. The extremists controlling the city must be arrested and punished by law."

Citizens action committee members have said their action, begun a week ago, was prompted by despair. "For three years, we have been put off with vain promises and offered ridiculous indemnification," a spokesman said. "Now, less than four months from the evacuation, the time for dismantling the businesses created in Yamit is running out on us."

Israeli threat to revive Lebanon attacks

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Israel has warned Palestinian commandos in Lebanon that it will launch large-scale military operations against them if they break the present ceasefire, officials said here Sunday.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon gave the warning to United States special Middle East envoy Philip Habib in Israel earlier this week, asking him to take it up with Palestinian leaders in Beirut, the officials said.

Sharon had also charged 40 ceasefire violations by Palestinian forces in the last few months, half of them against the Israeli-backed militia of south Lebanese dissident Christian leader Saad Haddad. It was "not always possible to convince the militia not to react when their own people were killed," the officials said.

Israel had told Habib it would not permit the resumption "for a single day" of exchanges of fire pitting Palestinians against Israeli and Israeli-backed south Lebanese Christian forces.

Bright Star maneuvers commence off Oman

NICOSIA, Dec. 6 (AP) — U.S. amphibious forces reportedly began the last phase of the "Bright Star" war games in the Sultanate of Oman Sunday, behind a veil of official secrecy.

A spokeswoman at the office of Anthony Ashworth, the British press adviser to the Sultan of Oman in Muscat, contacted by telephone from Nicosia, confirmed the exercises started.

"Yes, it started Sunday morning but I can't give you any other information." The spokeswoman who declined to be identified said.

Sultan Qaboos of Oman was understood to

be very sensitive to publicity about the U.S. exercise in his country on the southeastern tip of the Arabian peninsula.

Bright Star, whose earlier phases developed in Egypt, Somalia and Sudan in recent weeks, is designed to test the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) set up to defend U.S. interests in the Middle East.


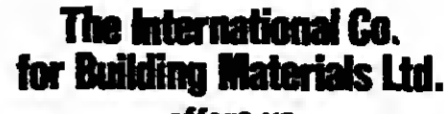

According to an earlier RDF press release during the Oman phase, U.S. Navy and marine forces in the Indian Ocean would exercise in coordination and under the observation of Oman's armed forces.

U.S. officials would not comment on the Oman phase.

Qaddafi says accord with U.S. excluded

ROME, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi virtually ruled out reconciliation with the present United States government and hinted that Tripoli might move closer to the Soviet bloc, in an interview published Sunday in the Italian daily *Corriere Della Sera*.

"Ronald Reagan's government is a megalomaniac government which, to show strength, opposes the people struggling for their liberty," Col. Qaddafi said. He cited proof of Washington's "irresponsibility" in the closure of the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli and the expulsion of Libyan embassy staff from the U.S.

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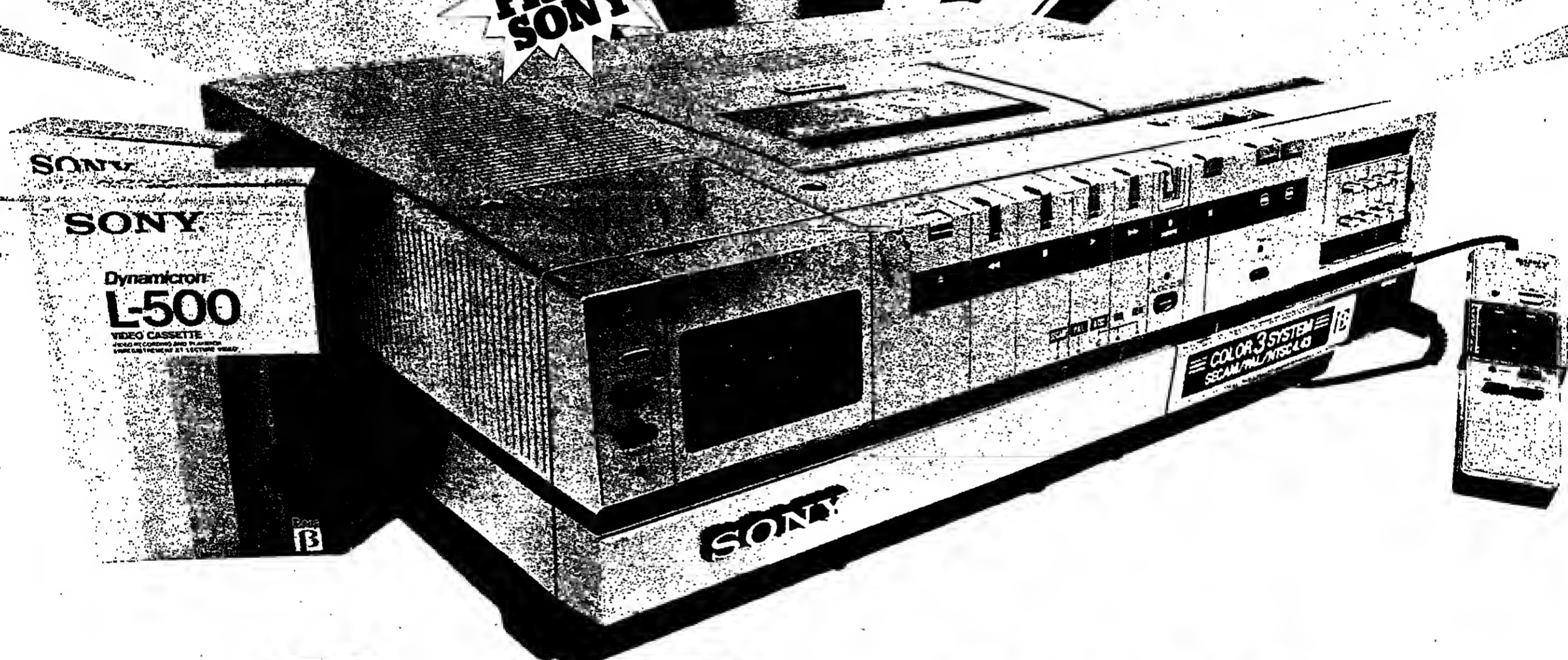


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USSR plagued by food shortages

By Patrick Meney

MOSCOW — Food shortages, industrial setbacks, and infirmity of ideological purpose darkening the economic picture in the Soviet Union this past year seem to have forced strenuous reappraisals upon the Kremlin of the basic dogmas that may be responsible for these shortcomings.

From year to year the shops have had less and less to sell, while the glum lines of waiting shoppers have grown longer and longer. Soviet citizens have known queues for 64 years now, but for the man in the street the situation has deteriorated recently.

As one Communist Party official put it recently, "The Central Committee is deluged with letters of protest. We are reaching the toleration limit. In the provinces the situation is at times alarming — butter, for example, has disappeared from most cities, including Moscow."

In some areas of the country the individual meat ration is now down to 800 grams (28 ounces) per month. Tea and sugar are unimaginable luxuries. Even the lack of milk in a number of cities has been lamented by President Leonid Brezhnev himself.

In his speech late last month to the plenum of the Communist Party Central Committee the Soviet head of state concentrated exclusively on economics. "Food will be the main problem in the years between 1981 and 1985 — in political as well as economic terms," Brezhnev declared. The word "political" took some Soviet bureaucrats aback. Was the country catching the Polish bug? "With us there are no street marches," a recent

editorial said. "Yet discontent does exist. We must ponder our system deeply." The editorial indicated that the pondering had already started inside the Kremlin.

Brezhnev's speech to the plenum was an exercise in savage candor — an expose of the defects and shortcomings of Socialist production machine. "Bad weather is not the whole story," he said of the disastrous shortfall in crop yields.

The expected target for crop production this year was 236 million tons. In fact, no more than 180 million tons were being harvested with the deficit being made up by the United States.

No less lamentable has been the production picture in the industrial sector, crippled by prodigious wastage of manpower and materials, while the mass and mediocrity of the consumer sector is a by-word in Soviet life.

Now, for the first time, the Soviet leadership is no longer citing "outside factors" to justify the economic necrosis. Brezhnev went so far as to question the very concepts on which the Soviet system is founded — acknowledging, among other things, that the operation of the five-year plans had not been properly mastered and that what the country lacked was up-to-date management.

The ultimate effects of this top-level soul-searching, in the most optimistic projection, is unlikely to bear fruit for many years — always assuming no political "outside factors" enter the reckoning. An indication of what may be up the Kremlin sleeve, however, emerges from a study in the last issue of the authoritative monthly, *Socialism in Theory and Practice*.

Judging by the monthly, it indicates that a major ideological re-orientation may be in the offing, which alludes meaningfully to the historic NEP (new economic policy) introduced by Lenin in the early 1920s, when agriculture, light industry, and shopkeeping were partly returned to private enterprise to give the faltering fledgling Socialist economy needed impetus.

The monthly writes approvingly of this retrogressive experiment, "abandoned because of the ultra-rigorousness of some Communists." It pointed out, the NEP was in no way a threat to the primacy of the state, since it maintained control of private enterprise.

Under the NEP dispensation, cities were properly victualled and supplied, while small shops, restaurants, and taverns flourished. "Private tradesmen, thanks to their experience and business sense, were more successful than the state," the monthly stated frankly. If such frankness is now in print, it is most certainly with the Kremlin's approval. One Soviet observer has suggested that the NEP approach is due for rehabilitation.

Whatever becomes of the NEP notion, the Soviet leadership must find some egress from the economic maze the country is lost in. To pursue the arms race is to perpetuate economic hardship.

Moreover, the restraint shown by the Kremlin in not intervening militarily during the past months social troubles in Poland may in itself be an indication of the size of the trouble at home. As one Western observer put it: "How could Brezhnev have gone into Poland when he can scarcely feed 265 million Russians here at home." (AFP)

New Caledonia poses problem to Mitterrand

By Paul Webster

PARIS — President Francois Mitterrand's plan to develop a special relationship between France and the Third World is compromised by a tense political struggle 12,000 miles from the French capital.

An increasingly strong independence movement among the native Melanesian population in the French territory of New Caledonia in the South Pacific has stepped up a campaign to condemn France as a colonial power and demand immediate French withdrawal.

But a series of urgent meetings both in Paris and Noumea last month has shown hesitation in the French government's commitment to letting local people look after their own affairs. New Caledonia, with its 133,000 population, seems on the surface an easy problem after the decolonization of Algeria, black Africa and Indochina, but may become one of the most difficult.

Dominating the problem is the distribution of the population, nearly half of whom are white settlers, some of whose families have been established there since France annexed the island 121 years ago, half a century after it was discovered and named by Captain James Cook.

The colonists pushed out the Melanesian population from the rich lands on the main island. While the territory prospered with its vast nickel resources, owned by a French company, the Melanesians, usually known as Kanaks, eked out a subsistence living as farm laborers or miners.

For the last decade, pressure from the Melanesians for a greater share in power has been openly supported by left-wing French settlers outside the farming industry, notably Pierre Declercq, whose murder two months ago led to a crisis on the island. Declercq, a teacher, organized the main pro-Melanesian freedom movement and was shot dead by a white man soon after obtaining promises from Mitterrand of early moves on independence.

Declercq, a recent settler, had close links with the French Socialist and Communist parties who actively backed him inside France. But the only notable response to the murder from Paris was the rushing in of security forces to protect the white population. Impatience at the lack of clear political moves on independence was seen as responsible for renewed rioting on the island last month when whites were attacked and their property damaged.

The attacks coincided with the distribution of strongly anti-French pamphlets describing Mitterrand's government as "colonialist."

Mitterrand held special meetings in Paris recently with both his ministers and representatives of the New Caledonia Territorial Assembly, and now has to make a series of carefully balanced political and strategic decisions.

While those meetings were going on 20,000 whites and supporters of links with France, mainly from the Vietnamese and Indian immigrant communities, marched in a "silent majority" protest in Noumea while white farmer organizations "breatened a Rhodesia-style resistance movement."

But on the other side of the island, Kanak movements called for support from recently independent Pacific nations like Papua New Guinea and Fiji, which already back moves for the French to leave and who are implicitly supported by Australia and New Zealand.

While further delay could increase moves from Pacific countries to condemn the French in organizations like the United Nations, Mitterrand must consider a possible chain reaction.

French territories in the Caribbean like Guadeloupe and Martinique, as well as the Indian Ocean territory of Reunion, would eventually expect the same treatment. All are important strategic navy bases but their importance is insignificant compared to the territory most affected by developments in New Caledonia — Polynesia.

Venezuela, U.S. at odds over Nicaragua

By Susan Morgan

CARACAS — President Reagan's expected sale of 20 F-16 fighters to Venezuela will significantly raise the threshold of weaponry in the cockpit of Latin America. No other country in the region, not even giants such as Brazil, possesses an aircraft as advanced as this.

The deal is seen as a reward to Venezuela for its pro-American policies, but the government of President Luis Herrera Campesino is by no means a blind supporter of the United States. As Herrera's discussions in Washington demonstrated last month, Venezuela has a number of misgivings about Reagan's hawkish approach.

As expected he endorsed support for the embattled junta of Salvadoran President Napoleon Duarte (who spent several years in exile in Venezuela and who, like Herrera, is a Christian Democrat) but the Venezuelan president came out firmly against any form of armed intervention in the convulsed Central American region.

"We are not against anyone," he said. Venezuela differs from Washington in believing economic, not

military, aid is the answer to promoting stability.

One of the most important differences between the two is their attitude toward Nicaragua. The Reagan administration considers Nicaragua a lost cause — virtually another Cuba. Although Herrera is also worried by the recent sharp turn to the left of the Sandinistas — as evidenced by the muzzling of the opposition press and the arrest of three businessmen in October for criticizing the government — oil-rich Venezuela is determined to continue economic aid to the now nearly bankrupt revolution.

It hopes this process will prevent Nicaragua turning to Cuba and the Soviet Union. The U.S. on the other hand, withdrew economic aid pledged by the Carter administration and has warned that further acts of repression in Nicaragua could lead to a moratorium on U.S. aid and even an economic blockade like that enforced against Cuba.

Like the Pentagon, Venezuela fears Central American instability could be a threat to world peace and that U.S. intervention could cause Moscow to put pressure on other strategic areas. Venezuela apparently hopes it has succeeded in "neutralizing" Washington's more militaristic plans —

such as the possible sending of troops to Central America — which it believes would only increase tension there.

On the subject of Cuba, however, Venezuela's position is if anything even stronger than Washington's. Banner headlines in Caracas newspapers scream daily of the Cuban menace and warn of imminent takeover plans in the Caribbean. (This paranoia stems in part from an unsuccessful armed Cuban incursion into Venezuela several years ago.)

In neighboring Guyana, Venezuela officials say, there are large numbers of Cubans who have military training camps and a number of crude landing strips in the jungle close to the Venezuelan border. Aerial photographs taken by Venezuela show some 40 landing strips and a number of military encampments. Most are in the Matthews Ridge area of Essiquibo, an area Venezuela claims as its own under an 1899 law.

Observers believe Herrera wants the F-16s to protect Venezuela from a perceived Cuban threat. Venezuela is also sewing up a so-far unannounced deal for 20 British Hawks, again for the same defense purposes. (ONS)

STRATEGIC ALLY

A full confrontation between the Palestinians and the Israelis might take place any day, in fact any hour, in or across South Lebanon.

In such an eventuality, the Israelis would have behind them their "strategic ally" the United States. The Palestinians, for their part, would be fighting with Soviet weapons. While they do not have the Soviet Union behind them in any formal sense, they do have an understanding with the Soviets.

Now from the point of view of the "strategic cooperation" between America and Israel, this makes the Palestinians "allies" of the Soviet Union. Which means that the United States must come to the aid of its strategic ally, Israel, in the event of a clash. In this way, the United States would fulfill its undertaking to stem Soviet "influence."

The United States therefore is now formally enjoined to fight against the Palestinians. This is a conclusion which will be reached no matter how we look into the question. The Palestinians, in other words, are not to be taken any longer as a people fighting for their legitimate rights. All they are now is "Soviet allies", "forces under the influence of the Soviet Union."

Israel's line, in its unutterable stupidity and mendacity, has been sold completely to the Americans. Yet the Americans also burble from time to time words to the effect that they have common interests with the Arab world, that indeed they have friends in the Arab world.

Saudi Arabian press review

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's support for Saudi Arabia's peace plan and the successful outcome of Prince Sultan's visit to Pakistan figured for editorial comments in Sunday's newspapers.

Dealing with Kreisky's support for Saudi Arabia's Middle East peace plan, *Al-Jazirah* said the Austrian chancellor has not lagged behind his other European colleagues in hailing the plan as realistic for seeking a just and comprehensive solution of the Middle East issue and enabling the Palestinian people to recover their rights.

Hailing the worldwide attention given to the Kingdom's peace plan, the paper said that it will be a prime topic in Kreisky's talks with the ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah during his current trip to the Gulf.

Al-Bilad felt the positive worldwide reaction to the plan has clearly demonstrated the importance of the plan for achieving stability and peace in the Middle East.

Referring to the European countries' declaration of support for the Kingdom's plan, the paper said it will pave the way for forging a useful Euro-Arab dialogue.

Al-Madina highlighted the positive Tunisian stance on the plan, in the light of Arab leaders' insistence to keep the plan on the agenda of the next summit in Fez, as a marvelous achievement of Arab solidarity and unity, drawing the attention of the whole world, particularly the European countries and the U.S.

"Saudi Arabia, in spite of some malicious campaigns against it, will continue to pursue its honest stands in support of the Arab and Palestinian peoples and utilize all its resources and potentials for restoring Arab rights from the claws of the usurpers," the paper said.

Al-Riyadh revealed that Saudi Arabia honestly represented the Arab voice of reason, which gives due emphasis to the interest of the Palestinian cause.

The paper referred to irrational attempts of some rejectionists to restrain Saudi Arabia from shouldering its historic responsibility in the service of the Palestinian cause. "The Kingdom is determined to pursue a right and honest path, as enshrined in its peace plan, regardless of the irresponsible and irrational attitudes of some rejectionists to achieve the desired Arab goals," it added.

Commenting on Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan's visit to Pakistan and his tour of the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan, *Okaz* said it reflected Saudi Arabia's keen interest in adhering to Islamic and humanitarian causes and demonstrated the Kingdom's deep concern at the ordeal of the Afghan Muslims, suffering from the imperialist Soviet ambitions.

The paper reaffirmed the Kingdom's total rejection of seizing territories by force and imposing atheism on Muslims. — (SPA)

Mubarak mends fences with opposition

By Tewfik Aelmandos

CAIRO — Less than two months after coming to power, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has managed to lighten the political atmosphere, making concessions to the opposition and showing understanding toward the man in the street. Elected as president following the assassination of Anwar Sadat, Mubarak has a certain appeal both to the masses and to the intelligentsia.

The new head of state has concentrated his speeches on three themes: The need to fight and punish corruption at all levels, the necessity of "permitting the whole population to profit from the policy of economic opening-out", and a promise to "act first and speak later".

Defense Minister Gen. Abu Ghazala has already made a start by forbidding officials to accept gifts.

But the main concrete measures to ease the political tension have been taken in regard to the lay opposition.

Important changes have been noted in the press. Firstly, there has been a reappearance of opposition journalists who were prevented from working by Sadat. And secondly, the attitude of the government-controlled press toward the opposition parties has changed completely: no more polemics and attacks, of which the left was the main victim, and these days the press even reports the arguments put forward by the opposition.

These measures were taken following promises of a "national dialogue" between the government and the opposition. The most spectacular move by President Mubarak was the freeing of 31 people, mostly belonging to the lay nationalist "neo-Wafd" or the left, who were arrested by Sadat in September.

More liberalizing measures are expected, and

there is a "honeymoon atmosphere" between the government and the opposition, which has paid tribute to the "wisdom" and "clear thinking" of the president.

Up to now, sensitive issues such as the policy toward Israel have been avoided and only general principles like "the need to strengthen democracy and help the poor" have been discussed. Just months before the handing back of the Sinai, the opposition does not want to embarrass the government.

Meanwhile, the trial of Sadat's alleged assassins resumed Saturday behind closed doors.

The 24 accused have pleaded not guilty — even Lt. Khaled Islambuly who declared: "I killed Sadat and I'm proud of it". The defense lawyers are leaving aside the material facts, and are expected to plead that the slaying of Sadat was a "legitimate" act due to his tough policies against religious extremists.

Brazil's space program emphasizes civilian benefits from satellites

By Jim Brooke

SAO JOSE DOS CAMPOS, Brazil (WP) — As America's space shuttle *Columbia* took off over the north Atlantic recently, technicians on the other side of the equator were preparing a Brazilian Prohe 3 rocket for a routine launch over the south Atlantic.

Fired from Brazil's coastal space center at Natal, Brazil's Prohe 3 missiles have attained a height of 375 miles and have reached a speed of Mach 3, or 2,235 mph.

The rocket launchings are part of a \$1 billion complete Brazilian space mission — a program that calls for a team of 1,000 Brazilian scientists and technicians to design, build and launch four low-level orbiting satellites by 1993.

Almost 500 years after its discovery, half of Brazil's Amazon has yet to be mapped in detail, and the Brazilians now hope to learn about what is on the ground through space.

Brazil is a continent, and we have inaccessible regions that can only be reached through

satellite, says Brig. Gen. Hugo De Oliveira Piva, director of the Brazilian air force's Institute of Space Activities. Under Piva's direction, scientists are designing a 3 1/2-ton Prohe 4 rocket, which is to rise 600 miles when launched in 1983.

Located on this city's Avenue of the Astronauts, Piva's Rocket-Building Institute is coupled with an adjoining civilian Space Research Institute, where scientists are developing the first Brazilian-made satellites. Together, both centers could be considered the equivalent of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Not by chance, they are found in San Jose Dos Campos, South America's largest center of high technology research.

From the Northeastern Space Center at Natal, the Brazilians have launched 260 rockets in the last 10 years. But, squeezed for room and seeking a better launching pad for equatorial orbits, the Brazilian Air Force has expropriated 325 square miles for a base at Alcantara.

The new site is 2 degrees from the equator and 20 times larger than the Natal center. Rockets fired from Alcantara will be tracked on an eastward path from Natal, aid from a new monitoring station to be installed on Fernando de Noreonha, a Brazilian island in the south Atlantic.

Compared with other Third World giants, Brazil lags behind in the space race. Both India and China built and launched satellites during the 1970s. But the Brazilians say the rapid Chinese and Indian advances are military-inspired. By contrast, Brazil maintains good relations with its 10 South American neighbors and has not fought a border war in more than 100 years.

Probe 4 could carry an atom bomb, Piva conjectured. But it would miss. It's a very long way to accurate military use.

Instead, officials like to point to the civilian benefits promised by the four satellites — twin for data collection and two for infrared remote sensing.

Slated for launching in 1983, the first Brazilian-made satellite is to help with forecasting droughts, floods and freezes.

After the United States, Brazil is the second-largest user of NASA's Landsat photographs. But the Brazilians want to replace this foreign-controlled service with their own remote sensing satellites. Transmitted photographs will aid in measuring deforestation of the Amazon, identifying potential oil reserves, forecasting crops and map making.

Nicknamed Brasilsat, Brazil's first communications satellite is to come from overseas. This month, officials opened bids from American, Canadian and French companies for a satellite estimated at \$100 million cost, scheduled for launching in 1985. Brazil is 25 years away from building such sophisticated hardware, but a nonnegotiable specification in the Brazilian bidding is complete technology transfer.

"We don't want to buy a black box — we want to know how it works" said Aydanio B. Carreira, in charge of developing Brazil's low-level satellites.

Critics of Brazil's space program say Brazil would save millions of dollars by buying existing foreign technology or continuing to use Landsat. The program, they say, is a waste of money for a country where two-thirds of the population does not get an adequate diet.

"We cannot be a big country without having space technology," Piva said, citing practical, money-making technological advances. Because of space research, a Brazilian company now makes high-strength steels that are exported to the United States for use in Boeing 747 landing gear.

The most lucrative spinoff of the space research, however, is Avibras, Brazil's manufacturer of military rockets. According to the "international defense review," Brazil has the fifth-largest arms industry in the Western world.



CAT NIGHTMARE: The Stamese shown here seems to be going through a bad dream as a reality. She actually has her head in the jaws of a killer tiger shark. Luckily, though, they are only on exhibit at the Miami Seaquarium and of no real threat.

Vitamin A foods inhibit cancer

Intake of Carotene studied, advised

WASHINGTON — (WP) A major new study indicates that people — even cigarette smokers — who eat a lot of carrots, peaches, tomatoes, spinach and other deep red, green or yellow fruits and vegetables are less likely than others to get lung cancer.

This relationship has been reported by scientists from four major institutions — Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Harvard and Northwestern University medical schools and the University of Michigan — in a lead article in the British medical journal *Lancet*.

All these foods are high in vitamin A and particularly in carotene (a natural coloring matter which is converted to vitamin A in the body).

A 19-year study of 1,954 Chicago men, all Western Electric Co. employees, found far less lung cancer than expected in men, even smokers, whose diets were high in carotene.

Among cigarette users of 30 years standing, those who consumed the least carotene had eight times the risk of those who consumed the most carotene.

More studies are needed, the scientists say, to prove whether carotene or any vitamin A intake will reduce lung cancer risk. Meanwhile, they add, "it seems prudent" to include carotene-rich foods in daily diets.

"I'd suggest one or two helpings a day," the study's chief author, Dr. Richard Shekelle of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's said. "I've increased my carrot intake," Shekelle, an ex-smoker, added.

Carotene abounds in vividly red, green or yellow fruits and vegetables, Linda Smith of the Community Nutrition Institute in Washington reported. Among those with large amounts of carotene: Dark salad greens (like endive, bibb lettuce and collard greens), beets, broccoli, green and yellow squash,

sweet potatoes, grapes (especially red grapes), apples (especially in the skin) and persimmons.

But no one, said another scientist, should try to augment vitamin A intake by taking vitamin A pills. These contain forms of the chemical which can cause liver damage in excess doses.

The Rush-Presbyterian scientists have been studying the Western Electric employees since the late 1950s. They recently found that those who ate diets low in fats and cholesterol tended to have less cholesterol buildup in their blood vessels and also less heart disease.

Thirty-three of the Western Electric men developed lung cancer over the 19-year observation period. Twenty-five of these 33 ate less than average amounts of carotene; 14 were in the lowest 25 percent for carotene intake.

Thousands of Japanese blazes worry Tokyo's fire officials

By Keith Stafford

TOKYO, (R) — Flimsy wooden dwellings, archaic heating systems and suicides were the major causes of thousands of fires which led to the deaths of nearly 2,000 people in Japan last year. In Tokyo, a record 140 deaths in more than 6,000 fires have been reported so far this year.

Tokyo's narrow streets, many of which allow only one car abreast, hinder firefighters, as does the fact that few houses in the capital have street numbers.

The Tokyo Fire Department, announcing a fire prevention campaign, said the number of fires and victims was increasing at an alarming rate.

The most macabre aspect of the 59,885 recorded fires in Japan last year was that 709 of the 1,947 dead had set fire to their own homes in order to commit suicide. Among the 140 fire victims in Tokyo this year, 52 of the deaths were attributed to suicide.

Japan's susceptibility to earthquakes precludes mass high-rise building and houses are packed close together, allowing fires to jump quickly from one building to another.

But modern houses have their danger, too. The fire department said that one in four deaths occurred because smoke could not escape from new houses, which were tightly sealed with aluminum windows, and because poisonous gas emitted by burning household goods.

The department said the Japanese continued to use kerosene heaters for heating and the houses are often made of wood with

inflammable tatami mats of straw on the floors.

The fire department also worries about the lurking threat of earthquakes. A really serious land movement would buffet houses and scatter gas cookers and heaters into inflammable debris.

Coating keeps fruit fresh

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — A new coating for fruit will keep it fresh for longer, without refrigeration, and lower prices for the consumer. Developed by a group of biologists at Britain's Cambridge University Department of Applied Biology, the coating is harmless and has no taste or smell.

The coating consists of a film of sucrose, esters of fatty acids and a complex sugar. These substances act as a barrier to stop oxygen from getting into the fruit, explain the biologists, but allow carbon dioxide that the fruit produces during ripening to escape. The coating also allows the fruit to retain water, keeping it juicy.

When sprayed onto the fruit and allowed to dry, the coating slows down ripening. It also is claimed to improve fruit by cutting the chances of the fruit losing compounds, like esters and aldehydes, that contribute to flavor.

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Negotiation plea denounced

OAS support sought for Salvadoran poll

CASTRIES, Santa Lucia (AP) — El Salvador denounced calls for negotiations with leftist Salvadoran guerrillas Saturday and appealed to the Organization of American States to support its plan for elections.

Fidel Chavez Mená, El Salvador's foreign minister, charged that a recent French-Mexican statement recognizing two leftist coalitions as legitimate opposition was "totally interventionist."

"It appears inconceivable to us that certain governments could be the spokesmen for armed subversive groups whose uncivilized activity in our country has brought acts of terrorism, sabotage, destruction and death," he told the OAS general assembly.

He said the voting planned in March would be "the first absolutely free elections in the last 50 years" in his country, where rebels are battling the U.S.-backed civilian-military junta. Critics of the government say free political campaigns and elections are impossible now in the violence-wracked country.

Diplomatic sources at the OAS conference said a proposed resolution backing El Salvador's plans for the election of a constituent assembly next March with elections of a government the following year said to be gaining broad support.

The sources said the idea — proposed by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in his speech to the assembly Friday — appeared to have the approval of the Andean nations and of most of those from Central America and the Caribbean.

Mexico's ambassador to the OAS, Rafael de la Colina, spoke in defense of the French-Mexican declaration, issued last summer. France and Mexico acted "as members of the international community and of the United Nations Security Council, in the face of the massive, continued and flagrant violation of human rights and the untold sufferings of a people closely related to us," he said.

"Tens of thousands of Salvadorans, many of them victims of persecution and torture, live now in Mexico, where their plight, detailed daily in meetings, colleges, churches and newspapers, awakens or increases popular sympathy for them," La Colina said.

Costa Rica's foreign minister, Bernd H. Niehaus Quesada, expressed concern about a buildup of weaponry in a statement apparently addressed at neighboring Nicaragua.

"We view with growing worry the path to armaments that has dangerously developed in the region, with the support and advice of totalitarian ideologies foreign to our people," Quesada told the assembly.

Pearl Harbor keeps U.S. aware of surprise attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Forty years ago Monday at 7:50 a.m., Japanese torpedo and dive bombers surprised America's Pacific Fleet anchored in Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian islands.

Three-fourths of the fleet was sunk. An experimental radar station had detected the approach of the aircraft, but America was not at war and military officers assumed the planes were a squadron of U.S. B-17s whose arrival was expected.

Today, Americans wonder if the country is secure against such a surprise attack, which this time might well be carried out with atom bombs. Today, any unidentified plane off America's coasts is promptly intercepted by U.S. fighter planes, no surface warship can approach without being detected and followed, unlike the six

Japanese aircraft carriers that cruised unsuspected 400 kms from Pearl Harbor.

"It would be impossible for a country using carrier-based aircraft to launch a surprise attack," said a Pentagon officer, Lt. Col. Mark Foutch.

Yet Soviet submarines that prowl occasionally off the Virginia coast could launch a nuclear missile to hit Washington in 10 minutes. Intercontinental missiles fired from the Soviet Union could hit America in 30 minutes.

The Kremlin could not count on total surprise, however. The U.S. Defense Department has the world under surveillance by satellites that can spot the launching of intercontinental missiles.

Advanced radar bases in Greenland, Alaska and Britain would track the missiles,

but could not detect a low-trajectory rocket from a submarine. So two other radar systems named "pave paws" have been installed, one on the Massachusetts coast to watch the eastern seaboard, and the other in California.

The presence of Soviet submarines in Cuba has impelled Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger to decide to build two more radar installations of this type. Their proposed location has been kept secret.

Pentagon experts admit that submarine-launched missiles could streak toward U.S. cities so quickly they would be practically impossible to stop. But "if they (the Soviets) could attack with only one submarine, the retaliation would be awful," commented Lt. Col. Foutch.

Yet Washington does not exclude the

possibility of a Soviet attack. Therefore, President Ronald Reagan has ordered modernization of the whole military communications network to assure it could not be knocked out in a nuclear war. The United States will spend from \$10 billion to \$15 billion on this by 1987.

(At Pearl Harbor, the Japanese sank or wrecked eight battleships, three cruisers, three destroyers and eight supply vessels — altogether, 300,000 tons of shipping.

(The Japanese first wave attacked for 15 minutes with 40 torpedo planes, 51 dive bombers and 43 fighters. A second wave of 80 dive bombers, 54 high-altitude bombers and 368 fighters struck. They wrecked 188 planes at Oahu Airbase and damaged 159 others.)

Samrin arrives in Viet capital

BANGKOK, Dec. 6 (AFP) — The new secretary-general of Cambodia's pro-Vietnamese Communist Party state council chairman Heng Samrin, stopped in Hanoi Saturday en route to the People's Republic of Mongolia, the Cambodian and Vietnamese news agencies, monitored here, reported Sunday.

The Cambodian agency, SPK, announced Saturday that Heng Samrin had been unanimously elected to head the People's Revolutionary Party, following Pen Sovann's departure on health grounds for a "long rest".

It has not yet been announced whether Pen Sovann has retained his post as prime minister or his membership of the party central committee. But he was not among SPK's list of senior officials who were at the airport to see of Heng Samrin.

The new secretary-general was accompanied by Foreign Minister Jun Sen, Information Minister Chheng Phon and Agriculture Minister Kong Sam Ol.

Swiss march for peace

BERNE, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Some 30,000 Swiss pacifists marched through downtown here Sunday "for peace and disarmament."

(In Denmark, some 22,000 peace supporters gathered in Copenhagen in one of three demonstrations called under the name of "Common Action Against the Threat of Nuclear War.")

(Some 10,000 people also marched in Aarhus and another thousand in the city of Aalborg.)

The Swiss demonstration, which received official authorization, drew supporters from around the country. They carried banners denouncing the arms race and both the Warsaw Pact and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It was believed to be one of the largest national demonstrations in last several years.

Donor provides organs for 4

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 6 (AP) — A single donor provided her heart, liver and kidneys Saturday for transplant into four different patients at Presbyterian Hospital, an official said.

Administrator Frank Rubin said the heart and liver transplant operation were completed and that the kidney transplants were scheduled. While transplants are done regularly here, Rubin said it is unusual to get four organs from one person.

"I don't have the statistics, but usually you'll get, say, a heart or a kidney. It's pretty

rare to get all four," he said. The donor was a 14-year old girl, Rubin said. Her identity, hometown and circumstances of death were not released. She was not from the Pittsburgh area, however, because the donated organs were flown into the city, he added.

The recipients also were not identified. Rubin said the liver patient is a 32-year-old man from Florida who was in critical condition. The heart recipient is a 44-year-old man from Greenville, Pennsylvania. Two men were scheduled to receive the kidneys, he said.

Radio Moscow given Sri Lanka relay facility

COLOMBO, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Sri Lanka has given Radio Moscow permission to establish a relay station here, reliable sources said.

The offer was made by Foreign Minister Shahul Hameed to Deputy Soviet Foreign Affairs Minister N.P. Firyubin, who was on an official visit to Sri Lanka recently.

The Voice of America and W. German radio already have relay stations here.

In parliament last week opposition members criticized the government for providing extended facilities to the Voice of America.

Panel lists 'rights offenders'

CASTRIES, Santa Lucia, Dec. 6 (AFP) — The existence of a state of emergency in ten Latin American countries amounts in some cases to a "negation of rights", the Inter-American Committee on Human Rights said in its annual report here.

The report, submitted to the 11th general assembly of the Organization of American States meeting in this Caribbean island nation, listed the offenders as Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Grenada, El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Uruguay.

The committee recognized that special powers were called for under certain circumstances, notably a threat to democracy or national sovereignty, but said that in most cases emergency powers were decreed simply to "increase the arbitrary power of the executive."

The committee added that the existence of emergency rule often contradicted the statements of governments concerned, as if their countries enjoyed the social peace so loudly claimed, they would not need to be ruled by special powers.

The report attacked in particular those cases where emergency rule had become the norm, with powers extended indef-

initely, and singled out detention without trial and banishment as the worst offenses of such governments.

The report said that detention without trial was the most frequent violation of human rights, adding that this often went hand in hand with torture.

Turning to banishments, the committee named Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Haiti and Paraguay, charging that this measure was not only a "grave violation of human rights", but an equally "grave violation of international law."

The committee's legal affairs commission will meet Monday to allow countries taken to task over human rights to defend their cases. But Chile has already announced that it will not cooperate with the committee, because its president, Tom Farer of the United States, is a "political activist who lacks the objectivity required to perform his duty". The gravest accusations made by the human rights committee involved Bolivia and Guatemala.

The report accused the government of Gen. Luis Garcia Meza, which ruled Bolivia from July 17, 1980 to Aug. 4, 1981, of seriously damaging the "right to life, security and physical integrity" of its citizens, as well as their individual freedom.



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Kill them, people chant

Seychelles to try five raiders

VICTORIA, Seychelles, Dec. 6 — Amid chants of "Kill them, kill them," Seychelles President Albert Rene told a mass rally Sunday that five white mercenaries taken prisoner in fighting here 10 days ago would soon be tried by a people's court.

"The mercenaries will be given the treatment the people want," Rene told a cheering crowd of about 3,000 assembled in a public square by the sparkling blue waters of Victoria's yacht harbor.

"Kill them, kill them," the crowd roared, many of them waving hand-written placards demanding death for the captives. One slogan said: "Laws are made to be changed by the people. We call for death." Senior

officials said the government was drafting legislation to provide for capital punishment for crimes related to mercenary operations. So far the death sentence exists only for treason.

President Rene gave no date for the convening of the people's court but indicated it would be before the end of the year. "They will be tried by a people's court... We will have done with this problem in three weeks' time," he said. No details of the tribunal's probable composition were given.

The five mercenaries held in jail were taken prisoner after a 20-hour battle between government troops and a group of white mercenaries who flew into the international air-

port posing as members of a fictitious club called "The Ancient Order of Foam Blowers."

Fighting flared when customs officials spotted weapons hidden under sweets and toys in false-bottomed suitcases carried by the mercenaries. The five captives were listed as two South Africans, Robert Sims and Anton Lubic; one Briton, Bernard Carey; and two holders of Rhodesian passports, Roger England and Aubrey Brooks.

England and Brooks were shown to a group of foreign journalists last week and said the mercenary force had intended to stage a coup to reinstate former President James Mancham, who was ousted in a coup four years ago by Rene.

Forty-four men from the invasion force, which arrived here on Nov. 25 fled from a battle for the international airport by hijacking an Air-India plane to the South African port of Durban.

South African authorities initially detained the men, but last week released all of them — 39 unconditionally and five on bail, including former Congo mercenary leader Michael Hoare. President Rene told the crowd Sunday that the attempted coup had been planned long in advance and said Hoare had visited the Seychelles in June last year to gather intelligence on the archipelago's defense force during a military parade to mark the third anniversary of the Rene government.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AP) — Vasily Kuznetsov, alternate member of the ruling Soviet Politburo, flew to New Delhi Sunday for an official visit at the invitation of the Indian Parliament. Tass reported. Kuznetsov will also visit Nepal before returning to Moscow.

LAGOS (AFP) — Fela, "the king of Afro-beat" and one of Nigeria's most popular musicians, has been arrested and charged with armed robbery in yet another brush with the law. The world-famous singer, almost as well known for his controversial scrapes as his music, this time faces a heavy penalty. He appeared in court this weekend under his full name of Fela Anikuluti Kuti on seven charges, including one of armed attack at the outskirts of Lagos.

NAIROBI (AFP) — Ugandan President Milton Obote returned home Saturday following a two-week visit to India and North Korea, Radio Uganda, which is monitored

here, reported. It was his first trip outside Africa since he regained the presidency in 1979. In both countries, Obote signed agreements to strengthen bilateral relations, the radio said.

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Indonesia's Minister for Health Suwarjono Surjaningrat arrived Sunday on a three-day visit to this Himalayan kingdom at the invitation of the Nepalese government.

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) — A hunger strike by a number of prisoners at South Africa's Robben island penitentiary has ended without any of their demands being met, the prison commissioner said Sunday.

JAKARTA (AFP) — Indonesian police have practically conceded defeat against illegal growers of the domestic poppy "ganja" particularly in Sumatra's northern-most province of Aceh.

Officials optimistic about cargo flights
Space shuttle condition given top rating

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP) — The shuttle *Columbia* returned from its shortened second flight in such good shape that space officials believe they can have it and a second ship, *Challenger*, carrying commercial cargo by late next year.

The launch target for the third *Columbia*'s four test flights is March 19 — a four-month turnaround period compared with seven months between the first and second flights.

"The ship came back in super condition, better shape than after the first mission," said Jim Harrington, chief of shuttle orbiter operations at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The bad fuel cell that shortened the November mission from five to two days is expected to have no effect on the length of the third flight, which will have Marine Col. Jack Lousma and Air Force Col. Gordon Fullerton at the controls.

"I've heard of nothing that would alter plans for a full seven-day mission," Harrington said.

If all goes well on STS-3 (space transportation system, flight three), Vance Brand and Bomb Overmyer will take *Columbia* up for its fourth and final test in June or July, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would schedule the shuttle's first operational flight in October or November. The first cargo: three commercial communications satellites.

On STS-3, Lousma and Fullerton will

further test the ship's navigation systems, give a lengthy workout to the mechanical arm that deploys and retrieves satellites, and operate a set of scientific experiments.

On STS-4, Brand and Overmyer are to land on the 15,000-foot concrete runway near the launch site at Cape Canaveral, bypassing the wide-open desert strip in California and eliminating the need for the time-consuming and costly return on the back of a Boeing 747 jetliner. Rockwell International is scheduled to deliver *Challenger* to NASA next June for about six months of pre-flight outfitting. Two more shuttles, *Atlantis* and *Discovery*, will follow in the next two years.

Thus, NASA's vision of a "space van lines" is still bright, even though turnaround time between flights is still measured in months, not the three or four weeks required of an operational system. While *Columbia* has demonstrated it is truly a flyable spaceship, last month's fuel cell failure showed there still are a few bugs in the system.

Other problems included the clogged hydraulic power units that forced an eight-day delay after the Nov. 4 countdown had advanced to within 31 seconds of liftoff, and the late-hour switch of a data processing system that held up the launch another 2½ hours on Nov. 12. "We've got a lot to learn before we launch on an airline-type schedule, but the important thing is that we

are learning," Harrington said. The faulty cell, one of three that provided *Columbia*'s electrical power, has been removed and is being analyzed.

NASA thus far has found no unpleasant surprises while examining *Columbia* in its hangar at Cape Canaveral. Launch crews were especially pleased that the heat-resistant tile system suffered only minor damage on the last flight. Of 30,572 tiles, 32 must be replaced, with another 54 possible because they are loosened slightly. Some 334 knicks were counted and these will be repaired without removing the units.

The repair consumed much time between the first two flights, as did the development and installation of a system to dampen shock waves created by ignition of *Columbia*'s solid fuel booster rockets. This job was successfully cushioned by cascading 100,000 gallons of water into launch pad exhaust holes.

In addition to routine system checks and launch preparations, Harrington said these major items must be accomplished between now and the March liftoff:

- The bad fuel cell will be replaced and the two that functioned will be checked and serviced. A fourth unit will be added to support the longer mission.
- An auxiliary power unit that didn't function fully during the flight will be replaced, and the oil and filters in the other two auxiliary units will be changed.

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To bolster economy

U.S. seeks Japanese industrial know-how

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (WP) — During the Korean war in the early 1950s, Japan's industries were so weak and the quality of their output so unreliable that the U.S. government sent money and technical missions to shore them up.

Now the roles are reversed and U.S. business is seeking help from the Japanese because American industries are suffering from stagnant productivity, erratic quality and outmoded technology while Japan is thriving.

Beginning in February, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will be taking American industrialists and executives on intensive tours of Japan to study Japanese business methods and factory operations and to search for ideas that could be applied to their own firms.

The two-week tours will amount to crash courses in how the Japanese run their factories, conduct their labor relations, develop their markets and finance their capital expansion. "This is not a junket," said Carl Noller, director of the chamber's productivity center. "This is for people who are seriously interested in what's going on in Japan."

The Americans will visit Japanese trade unions, factories, shipyards — including such giants as Nippon Steel and IHI shipbuilding — and will examine Japanese training and marketing methods to see why, as Noller said, "Japanese productivity has increased five times faster than ours 30 years."

In Japan, the tours are being set up in cooperation with the Japan Productivity

Center, an organization created by Japanese industry to compile information on technological and managerial developments. Ironically, the center was established with U.S. government assistance in 1955. Now it has a Washington office to give back some of the help.

Joji Arai, the center's Washington representative, said the Japanese recognize that "strengthening the industrial base of the U.S. is vital for the survival of Japan" and it is in Japan's long-term self-interest to share its industrial know-how with the United States.

Noller said he is "constantly amazed" at how little U.S. business executives and plant managers know about their own shortcomings and about Japanese industrial advances. He and Arai share the view that the boom years after World War II lulled American industry into complacency because the United States had an enormous technological lead over other nations and domestic markets were growing rapidly.

Now the rest of the world is catching up, and in some areas the Japanese have moved ahead. "They don't have all the answers, but they have done phenomenal things in some areas," he said.

Japanese executives, who have testified before Congress and lectured to U.S. audiences frequently, have said that they obtain better results from their workers than do U.S. enterprises because of their different approach to labor relations and training. Noller said the first tour will examine some of those basic differences.

EEC sees fall anew in steel demand

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5 (AFP) — A big surplus of capacity for steel production in the European Economic Community (EEC) will persist over the next three years, according to a report by an EEC commission released Saturday.

The report said EEC steel producing capacity in 1984 would be 22.8 million tons more than the 174 million ton capacity deemed sufficient by the European Commission to meet demand at 85 percent utilization. Between 1979 and April 1981, EEC production capacity dropped 5.6 million tons to 197.9 million tons, but is expected to drop by only another two million tons by 1984.

In the U.S., the cry to restrict EEC steel imports has been mounting. The U.S. producers of special steel backed by the U.S. Iron and Steel Institute and the trade unions have urged the government to impose curbs on EEC steel imports.

Arab-backed bank gets Marcos' OK

MANILA, Dec. 6 (AFP) — A development bank in the Philippines jointly funded by the Kuwait and other Arab countries has been given official approval.

Permission was given by President Ferdinand Marcos to Filipino Muslim leaders who visited him to seek his approval. Marcos still has to approve the final offer made by the Arab countries, before the bank opens, the leaders said.

West firms vie for hunting oil in China

CANTON, Dec. 6 (R) — Western oil companies are lining up to bid for drilling rights in promising waters off the coast of China, but they have little idea how much oil is really there or where the money to exploit it will come from.

The Chinese are expected to invite tenders early next year from companies interested in drilling in Chinese waters — one of the current "hot spots" in the worldwide search for new oil.

Production from existing Chinese fields is leveling off at around two million barrels daily, about as much as comes from the Anglo-Norwegian North Sea and not enough to meet long-term Chinese demand. Some experts say new offshore finds could double output by 1990 and make China an appreciable net exporter.

Coca-Cola faces \$16m damage suit

SEOUL, Dec. 6 (AFP) — A South Korean toy-maker has sued the U.S. Coca-Cola company for \$16 million in damages claiming that he went bankrupt after the firm allegedly unilaterally cancelled a contract to buy publicity toys named Cobot, it was reported here.

Pak Ching-gi of the Namhwa Toy Ltd. Assorted Saturday that he invested heavily after receiving orders from the Coca-Cola Co. based in Atlanta, Georgia, early this year and started producing 100,000 units of Cobot (Coca-Cola robot), an electronic toy.

The Coca-Cola firm was said to have abruptly cancelled the order, saying that the Cobot toy ran into a patent trouble with the U.S. 20th century Fox movie, the Star Wars. Pak subsequently went bankrupt and was later imprisoned for failing to pay his 500 employees.

Japan firm wins E. German order

TOKYO, (AFP) — Toyo Engineering Corporation of Japan has won a 40,000 million yen (\$186 million) joint order from an East German industrial corporation for a heavy crude oil cracking plant, the company announced Saturday.

Jointly with Mitsui And Co., the Japanese Engineering Company will provide the state-run Industrie Anlagen Import (IAI) with the viscosity breaking plant called vis-breaker to be used at schwidt combinat.

Portugal plans video services

LISBON, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Portugal's post office will offer subscribers two video services, the video-texts and the video-conference, within the next two years, postal officials announced here.

The video service puts a wide range of services on home television screen. It allows subscribers, for instance, to book air or train tickets, to make an account transfer and to pay their household bills. It can also be used for education, while the video-conference service gives the businessmen all the personal visual contact of the boardroom even though they may be apart from each other. At first, the two services will be installed only in Portugal's two major cities and then gradually will be extended throughout the country.

Port surcharge at Bombay cut

NEW DELHI, Dec. 6 (AFP) — The Karmahom Shipping Conference covering trade between Europe and India Saturday announced an immediate cut in the port surcharge at Bombay from the present 30 percent to 25 percent in view of a "slight improvement in the berthing situation" at the port. Bombay reports quoted the conference as saying that the revised surcharge would apply to East and West-bound cargo and would be effective in respect of vessels commencing to load at individual ports from Saturday.

Despite uncertainties

West firms vie for hunting oil in China

But oilmen interviewed at a recent oil conference in Canton said that recent seismic tests were not a reliable guide to how much oil waits to be tapped. "We can only tell if there is oil in China's offshore waters by drilling," one said.

Complex geology also threatens a variety of drilling problems, according to Victor Vachier, general manager of the French company Elf Aquitaine which has drilled test wells in the Bohai Gulf, off northern China.

Wells drilled by Elf and other companies in the Bohai Gulf and the Beibu Gulf (Gulf of Tonkin) have produced encouraging but not dramatic oil shows. Drilling has not yet started, however, in what is probably the most promising area, the Pearl River basin of the South China Sea. Bids for exploiting the basin may be called early next year, and if so drilling could start a few months later.

Geologist Chen Senqiang of the Academy of Sciences in Canton told journalists a well drilled by Chinese engineers in 1979 had produced 1,500 to 2,000 barrels daily, a good flow rate.

"The South China Sea, especially the Pearl River basin, is probably China's richest

source of offshore oil, richer than the Yellow Sea and with good drilling possibilities," Chen said. China urgently needs to develop its offshore potential.

Premier Zhao Ziyang denied Nov. 30 that China would have to the world market for oil. But the flattening out of its production from existing onshore wells has meant sharp cuts in projected sales to Japan, which in 1982 will be only about 60 percent of what was once planned.

Meanwhile, exploitation of vast coal reserves lags behind demand — 1980 coal output was 2.4 percent down on 1979 — putting added responsibility on to the oil industry. But to fund offshore oil exploration and development will cost at least \$20 billion between now and 1990, according to Michael Sandberg, chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

And no one is yet sure from where the vast sum will come. William Lear, senior vice-president of the First National Bank of Chicago, said neither the oil companies nor the Chinese authorities could themselves find all the money and China would have to borrow abroad.

French computer giant at crossroads

PARIS, Dec. 6 — Talks began in Paris in the hope of associating American business capital with the Socialist experiment of nationalization. The price of failure could be disastrous for Europe's biggest computer company, CII-Honeywell-Bull.

Edson Spencer, Chairman of Honeywell in the United States, heads the US delegation, which has to decide whether to maintain a 47 percent share in the company after the Socialist takeover of Sain-Gobain-Pont-a-Mousson, the French industrial group which holds the other 53 percent.

If he decides to pull out, it will cost the French Government at least \$200 million in compensation and end a five-year attempt to endow France with a credible computer industry linked with American know-how.

The American calculations will be based on both the expected difficulties of a partnership with a state-owned company and the faltering record of CII-Honeywell-Bull which made a loss of about \$50 million last year. Against that, Honeywell would lose the opening it needs to challenge IBM within Europe.

The latest discussions form part of a long and often unhappy development of a firm which de Gaulle hoped would give France the same sort of technological independence as the defense equivalent — the nuclear bomb.

Launched under "plan calcul" in 1966, CII first tried an alliance with Siemens (West Germany) and Philips (Holland) before, in 1976, merging with Honeywell-Bull, a French-based firm in which American Honeywell had a 66 percent stake. To attract the Americans, who supply much of the expertise, the French Government guaranteed about \$200 million in subsidies plus nearly

four times as much in promised orders. By 1980, under the previous right-wing government, the company had secured up to 30 percent of the French market and in conjunction with Honeywell, 12 percent of the European market. But there was soon to be a clash of interests as the majority French shareholders (at the time, the industrial group CGE) and Honeywell could not agree on the development of small computers.

CGE pulled out to be replaced by Saint Gobain but there was another clash of interests because Saint-Gobain took a 30 percent holding in the rival Italian firm, Olivetti. A series of management mistakes, including a failure to join the race for small computers, overstocking and manufacturing delays, led to the resignation of the chairman, Jean-Pierre Brule, in July. According to him, the company's debts have now reached about \$130 million.

Honeywell is certain to seize on the nationalization of Saint-Gobain as an excuse to reduce American capital participation but French officials say this is not necessarily a bad thing as it would also reduce the American right of veto while maintaining access to American expertise.

American shareholders, who are already jumpy at the prospect of a minority relationship with a state enterprise, can hardly feel very confident about the way the French side of the business has been handled up till now.

But the present chairman, Maxime Bonnet, believes that they will be reassured by the prospect of joint development on the lines of the highly successful European Airbus program — a multi-national medium-range jetliner produced by state and private firms.

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Currency racket

Paris acts to halt flight of capital

PARIS, Dec. 6 (AFP) — The French Socialist government, concerned over the flight of capital abroad since it came to power six months ago, has started to crack down on wealthy French people who have been breaking the currency laws as well as bankers who have helped them to do so.

In Lille, northern France, six people were charged and jailed Friday for smuggling a total of 20 million francs (\$3,800,000) to banks in Benelux countries (Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg) and Switzerland. Three brothers who owned a building firm, and one of their wives, as well as well-known Lille currency dealer and his brother were charged with "illegally sending capital and holding assets abroad and failing to transfer revenues earned abroad back to France."

Customs sources said Sunday that a list of 30 names was found in the offices of the Lille currency dealer, and "more arrests can be expected over the next few days."

In the Lille case, the currency offenses started about three years ago and were speeded up in the past six months. Customs officers said that Francois Boone, brother of the currency dealer, used to make regular trips to Belgium and Switzerland with bundles of bank notes hidden in the roof of his car.

Many Franco-Belgian border posts are unmanned so there was no problem there, but one of the Lille six was stopped by a French customs post on the Swiss border and he was found with a notebook containing the numbers of two accounts in Swiss banks. Police inquiries then revealed the whole traffic.

Meanwhile, police inquiries are continuing regarding the financial dealings of 50 customers with the Paris-based Banque de Paris et de Pays-Bas (Paribas), a private bank

scheduled for nationalization. Twenty-one of them have been charged with currency offenses, and they include top surgeons and wealthy widows.

The managing director of Paribas, Pierre Moussa, who resigned abruptly last month and three of his directors have all been charged with currency frauds. One of the harshest blows against the flight of capital abroad was the arrest last week of a Swiss banking "Gnome" in his Paris hotel luxury suite shortly after he had arrived from Geneva and his immediate incarceration in a prison cell here.

Paul Schmetzler, 51-year-old representative of the Banque Occidentale Pour l'Industrie et le Commerce (BOIC) is upholding his country's strict laws on bank secrecy by refusing to answer any questions. There can be no doubt that the government's currency clamp-down is just beginning.

Denmark ups North Sea oil search

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6 (R) — Denmark, hoping to cut its dependence on oil imports, is forcing the pace of its North Sea oil development after what government officials following the example of its Norwegian and British North Sea neighbors, Denmark luring major international oil and gas companies to explore and exploit its offshore resources.

About 50 international oil companies have expressed interest in the Danish North Sea sector, according to Energy Minister Poul Nielson.

To encourage them, the Danish government has drafted new legislation providing for milder taxation than Britain and Norway impose, Nielson said in an interview.

"Denmark is one of the industrialized countries with the toughest energy problem,"

EEC talks to focus on trade ties with Japan

BRUSSELS, Dec. 6 (R) — Foreign ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC), shelving briefly their disagreements about money, meet Monday for talks on a range of other issues — including EEC relations with Japan, Cyprus and Third World sugar producers.

All three topics, and various other issues the ministers are likely to discuss such as the Middle East and Turkey, are regular and long-standing subjects of debate at EEC councils. But in the last few weeks they have tended to be pushed aside by a difficult debate on EEC budget reform, still unresolved after a recent inconclusive EEC summit in London.

It will be the last appearance for British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington in the chair of a formal EEC ministerial meeting before Britain's six-monthly presidency of the community ends Dec. 31.

Lord Carrington is expected to devote most of the two-day meeting to discussion of external EEC policy, without reopening negotiations on EEC finances, diplomats said.

On Japan, the ministers are scheduled to discuss an EEC commission report on trade relations which emphasizes a need for continued surveillance of EEC imports of sensitive goods like cars, color television tubes and electronic machine tools. The common market expects to run up a \$15 billion trade deficit with Japan this year and has been pressing Tokyo for better access for European exports. Until this occurs community officials are reacting with caution to declarations by the newly reshuffled government of Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki about improving trade relations and its plans to lower a number of tariffs in imports.

British diplomatic sources said the crucial obstacle to EEC exports is the domination of Japan's marketing system by a few big industrial and commercial conglomerates.

Relations between the EEC and Cyprus have been strained by imports into the community of low-priced Cypriot fruit and vegetables. Access for Cypriot farm products is under review as part of the EEC's eight-year-old association pact with the island and the EEC commission and several governments, including Britain favor an increase in quotas.

But France and Italy, mindful of the competition for their own farmers, have been blocking any increase. Unless agreement can be reached at this meeting, diplomats said they feared there could be a sharp deterioration in relations between the EEC states and Cyprus. This could have an impact on relations between Western Europe, Greece and Turkey, diplomats said.

Greece, under the new Socialist govern-

ment of Andreas Papanandreu, has cast doubt on its future participation to both the EEC and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Turkey, also a NATO member, is linked to the EEC by an association agreement.

On relations with Third World sugar producers, the ministers have to discuss terms for the import of cane sugar under long-term arrangements with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

The EEC governments originally offered the ACP countries a 7.5 percent increase for guaranteed prices in the 1981-82 marketing year, but the ACP countries rejected this as too low. A compromise proposal now under study would give an 8.5 percent price increase but reduce the extent of EEC storage levies to compensate processors.

Hungary pips Poland in race for IMF entry

BUDAPEST, Dec. 6 (R) — Poland's hesitations about joining the International Monetary Fund (IMF) finally pushed Hungary into applying for IMF membership first, according to senior Hungarian sources.

Both Communist countries had long been interested in joining the IMF and the World Bank, two financial bodies distrusted by Moscow for what it sees as their Western domination, but neither wanted to take the first step, the sources told Reuters.

Hungary, normally the Soviet bloc's frontrunner in economic experiments, was, therefore, pleased to see the Poles sounding out the IMF on possible membership earlier this year, and expected to follow Warsaw into the Washington-based organization.

But Warsaw, for which membership would be one way of easing its \$24 billion Western debt burden, hesitated in September and Budapest had to go ahead, the sources said.

"We were standing at a door and saying to each other... 'please, after you'... 'no, please, after you'...," one informed source said. "This had to stop."

Hungary applied to join the IMF and World Bank Nov. 4, Poland, which the sources said was put off by criticism in the U.S. Congress and financial press about the IMF bailing out a teetering Communist economy, applied Nov. 10.

Western diplomats in Budapest supported this explanation, saying they had not expected Hungary to apply until early next year, after Poland had paved the way. "It had all the signs of a very quick decision," one commercial attache said.

The Hungarian sources said they believed Poland's huge debts forced Moscow, which attended the 1944 Bretton Woods confer-

ence founding the IMF and World Bank but declined to join, to drop its objections to its allies being in the two bodies.

Romania joined both institutions in 1972, but that step was seen as part of Bucharest's relatively flexible foreign policy which other Soviet bloc states could not follow.

The sources said Hungary and Poland had been regularly proposing IMF membership for years at meetings of the Communist trade bloc Comecon. This was just as regularly turned down until Poland's debts made membership an urgent question.

Moscow's public and private reactions to the IMF applications were muted, they said, even though the Czechoslovak Communist Party daily *Rude Pravo* — often seen as a mouthpiece for hardline Soviet views — condemned the IMF as "one of the most important instruments of neocolonialism" in an editorial last month.

"Hungary expects to be admitted to the IMF in April and a team of IMF experts is now in Budapest to study the application and determine the quota Budapest would have to pay into the fund, the sources said. They said they expected no difficulties, since Hungary already published sufficient statistics — although some might have to be changed to conform with IMF tables — and its currency would probably switch to a limited form of convertibility soon after Hungary was admitted to the fund.

Such a switch would make the Hungarian forint the first convertible currency in the Soviet bloc.

The sources rejected suggestions that Hungary might be seeking IMF membership to get the subsidized credits Warsaw is understood to want. They said Budapest planned to

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates stay unchanged

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 6 — With the European markets closed for business Sunday, local dealers reported few transactions being carried out on that day. Riyal rates remained predominantly unchanged for most of the day with few institutions dealing beyond the one-month period. Long-term deposit rates remained firm, but with nobody testing the market's reaction by actually dealing in those tenors, the rates quoted were for indication only.

The local market's cautious reaction was due to dealer's view that the European market could open in a confused state Monday despite Friday's apparent stability on both the money markets and foreign exchange markets. They noted that the dollar had maintained its slight edge over the other major European currencies and also

noted the effects of the seemingly orderly interest rate cuts by the European and American central banks. But some of them also remembered how, when the dollar seemed to rise on the exchange markets, it was brought down again by revelation of more economic news that showed a worsening U.S. economic recession.

Riyal exchange rates reflected the above uncertainties with spot riyal/dollar rates opening at 3.4190-00 and hardly moving from these levels. Some buying action at the end of the day pushed up rates to 3.4193-03, but demand for the dollar remained weak. On the deposit front, there was more activity reported in the short-dated funds with week-fixed rates rising slowly to 4½-5½ percent levels over opening rates of 4-5 percent. The one-month rate continued weak but stable at 5½-6 percent, while the one-year rate was quoted unchanged at 11½-12 percent.

Lisbon port undergoes expansion

LISBOA, Dec. 6 (R) — The port of Lisbon is expanding and modernizing with the aim of becoming a new gateway for Western Europe's world trade.

The port last year handled 14.1 million tons of cargo — about 60 percent of Portugal's total external trade — but new installations are being built to turn it into an international cargo transshipment center like Rotterdam.

The developments are partly in answer to Portugal's own needs. Lisbon's existing port area on the north bank of the Tagus estuary backs straight out to the ocean and lacks room for expansion.

In addition, the average depth of water along its 13 km (nine miles) of quayside is only eight meters (25 feet), which is insufficient for many of today's large vessels.

The main development scheme is a new port area being built at Trafaria on the south bank of the Tagus. This will be equipped with a grain terminal, opening in 1983, a container terminal, due to become operational two years later, and possibly a terminal for handling imported coal.

The Trafaria complex is being built on reclaimed land which will eventually cover 1,000 hectares (2,500 acres), giving the port of Lisbon a ten-fold increase in onshore space.

The new grain terminal will handle Portugal's entire grain imports, which amounted to almost four million tons last year, and will have surplus capacity for developing a transshipment trade.

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Edges out Ireland on goal difference

France earns berth to Spain

LONDON, Dec. 6 (R) — France, whose soccer can be as brilliant as the lights of Montmartre, did not have to be at their dazzling best when they qualified for the World Cup finals by beating Cyprus 4-0 in Paris Saturday night.

Two goals by Bernard Lacombe and one apiece from the exciting Dominique Rocheteau and Bernard Genghini, took France to Spain at the expense of Group Two rivals Ireland on goal difference.

Italy, already assured of a place in the final stages next summer, continued to find goals hard to come by when they rounded off their Group Five campaign against lowly Luxembourg.

A sixth minute header from defender Fulvio Collovati was all they could manage in Naples against a Luxembourg side who had conceded 22 goals in their seven previous ties.

The 22 qualifiers to date are: Spain (hosts), Argentina (holders), Brazil, Chile, Peru, Austria, Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, England, Hungary, Italy, Northern Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Soviet Union, West Germany, Yugoslavia, El Salvador, Honduras, Algeria, and Cameroon.

China, Kuwait and New Zealand are in contention for the remaining two places.

France, 7-0 winners over Cyprus in the first match between the countries, set only a sedate pace at the start of Saturday's game, evidently fearing over-confidence. But after a cautiously-played 24 minutes Dominique Rocheteau broke the spell, taking advantage of a free kick to bring the home team their first goal. Playing a more assured game, France, moved rapidly to push home their advantage and little more than two minutes later Bernard Lacombe put them two goals ahead.

But it took most of the rest of the second half for the French to break the Cyprus defence again. Their third goal came in the

How they finished

Table with columns: Group, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Belgium, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Cyprus, Yugoslavia, Italy, Denmark, Greece, Luxembourg.

83rd minute, when Cyprus goalkeeper Stylianos Fenedos off a shot from Rocheteau only to have the ball pushed firmly back into the net by Lacombe.

For the second time in the match, the momentum for one goal swiftly brought a second as Bernard Genghini headed a long ball from Bruno Bellone into the net in the 86th minute. The French took second place in the final Group Two table on goal difference from the Republic of Ireland, who like the French had 10 points. Belgium headed the Group with 11 points.

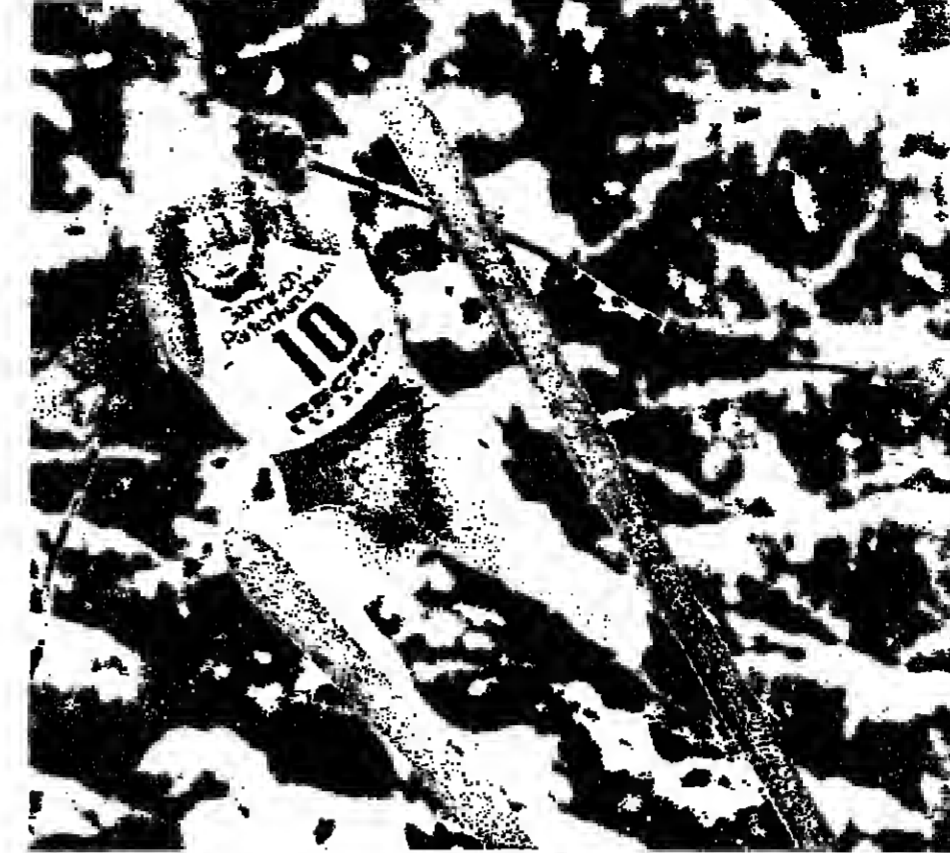
Meanwhile, Kuwait could become the 23rd nation to qualify for the finals if they beat Saudi Arabia in their Asia-Oceania zone qualifying tie in Kuwait Monday.

The Kuwaitis currently lie second in the Group, with six points from four games, one behind China and have completed their six-match program. If Kuwait triumphs, the last remaining qualifying place will be fought out between the Chinese and New Zealand, who have taken four points from as many outings.

Saudi Arabia have long been out of the running, but they will be eager to do their best and the Kuwaitis will not underestimate their rivals who gained their solitary point by drawing 2-2 in New Zealand in their last match.

At a glance

Table listing various sports teams and their records, including Georgia, Navy, North Dakota State, Eastern Kentucky, Boise State, Ucla, Kentucky, Georgetown, Iowa, DePaul, Tulsa, Wake Forest, Alabama-Birmingham, Boston, Philadelphia, Calgary, Toronto, Vancouver, Quebec, Detroit, Montreal, Washington, Edmonton.



SUPERB SURGE: Former World and Olympic champion Franz Klammer of Austria, who won the men's Downhill event in the Alpine Skiing at Val D'Isere, France, Sunday.

Franz returns with big bang

VAL D'ISERE, France, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Austria's former World and Olympic ski champion Franz Klammer made startling comeback Sunday, beating the entire world elite by more than one-fourth of a second in the first World Cup Downhill race of the season.

Three days after his 28th birthday, the Austrian superstar flashed down the 3,998-meter-long course in masterful style to finish in 2:05.22 and win his first race for two years. Switzerland's former Downhill World Cup bolder Peter Mueller, 24, was second in 2:05.48, followed by his compatriot Tony Burgerli, third in 2:05.63. Two Canadians, Steve Podhorski and Ken Read, placed fourth and fifth in 2:06.09 and 2:06.29 respectively.

The Downhill race of the International "First Snow" Ski Tournament opening the 1981-82 World Cup was postponed from Saturday because of fog, snow and gale-force winds. The weather improved dramatically overnight and the course was in perfect condition for Klammer's comeback. A large crowd at the finish cheered and applauded when his winning time flashed on the screen.

Klammer, who did no better in any race last season than tie for sixth place with Read at Val Gardena, Italy, grinned happily as he was surrounded by well-wishers at the finish. He said he would "Go all out" to win the World Cup this season, an honor that has escaped him in eight years of triumph in the World skiing elite.

He placed among the top five of the overall World Cup standings in every year from 1974 to 1978 and won the Downhill section for four successive seasons, but never won the coveted cup itself. He won the 1974 World Ski championship and the 1976 Olympic gold medal in the Downhill. In 1979 his career went into decline, and he was almost dropped from Austria's national team last year.

The ill-starred opening of the World Alpine Cup Skiing season suffered yet another setback as the weather disrupted the schedule. The men's Giant Slalom which had been put back to Monday has been canceled following protests from skiers at having to compete in four events in four days. The two women's Downhills which were Saturday put back from Monday and Tuesday to Tuesday and Wednesday are now restored to their original schedule.

Castella tops at Fukuoka

FUKUOKA, Japan, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Dark horse Robert de Castella of Australia Sunday won the 16th Fukuoka International Marathon in two hours eight minutes 18 seconds, the second best Marathon time ever registered in the world.

The 24-year-old Australian, eighth in last year's Fukuoka Marathon, spurred at the 33-kilometer mark, outdistancing his nearest rival Kunimitsu Ito, who was timed 2:09.37 for second place.

Castella's winning time was only 5/100ths of a second slower than the world's best marathon time registered by American Alberto Salazar in the New York Marathon on October 25.

The Australian said afterwards: "It was a very, very fast race, thanks to American Gary Bjorklund who had been on the top of a front-running group until about the 30 kilometer point running with a very fast pace."

He also said that the weather was good and



Gary Player, strikes form

Player's fine golf triumph

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 6 (AP) — Gary Player won the South African Open Golf tournament Sunday for the 13th time in a 21-hole playoff to break a tie with fellow South African John Bland and Briton Wakien Humphreys.

Player, Bland and Humphreys finished the regulation 72 holes Saturday tied at 272, after all three broke par on the fast, Royal Johannesburg course. An 18-hole playoff round Sunday eliminated only Humphreys, who scored par 72. Player and Bland, each with 70, went into sudden-death extra holes.

Both had par fours at the 17th hole, where the sudden-death tiebreak began. Both had birdie fours at the 18th. Continuing to the long first hole, Player was on the green in two and putted twice for a birdie four. Bland was short with his second shot, chipped five meters — 16.5 feet — short and missed the putt, for a par five.

In Auckland, the Australian golfer, Bob Sheeran who almost had to give the game up because of a serious illness two years ago, Sunday won New Zealand's richest sporting event, the Air New Zealand-Shell Golf Open.

The 33-year-old from Melbourne picked up the \$18,000 cheque with a 15-under-par tournament record of 265 on the Titarangi course. Sheeran finished eight shots clear of compatriot Graham Marsh who moved up to second with a final round 66, four-under to claim \$9,800.

New Zealand left-handed Bob Charles finished third on 275, two shots behind Marsh. Sheeran, who put part of his success down to a new putting grip in which he holds his left hand below his right went into the final round with a mammoth 10 stroke lead.

He admitted being slightly worried when Marsh hit three early birdies in the final round while he dropped a shot, but he recovered to record a one-under 59 for a comfortable victory.

American pins Noel to canvas in eighth

LAS VEGAS, Dec. 6 (R) — American Arturo Frias, a substitute challenger, won the World Boxing Association lightweight crown Saturday with an eighth-round knock-out victory over title-holder Claude Noel of Trinidad.

Arturo, who filled in when original challenger Gonzalo Montellano was injured while sparring, knocked out Noel after one minute 52 seconds of the eighth round with a straight right to the chin. There was no doubt that the champion from Trinidad was finished. He landed out on his back and remained there for a full minute after being counted out.

Frias, the WBA's No. 9 contender, but little known outside his native California, had been setting up Noel for the straight right with double left jabs. The decisive punch followed a left to the body which opened up the opportunity for the kill.

It was a gruelling fight from the start, with Frias, 25, coming forward and Noel, 33, trying to catch the challenger as he moved in. Eventually it came down to a matter of

age. Noel began firing from the frantic pace and his legs began to tighten. Frias rocked Noel with rights to the chin and head in the fifth. Ready to take punishment himself, he pursued the tiring Noel and finally caught him with the decisive big punch. It was the winner's sixth knock-out and raised his record to 23 victories and one defeat.

This was Noel's first defense since winning the vacant crown by outpointing Rodolfo Goto Gonzalez in September. His record is now 27 wins, four defeats.

Eusebio keeps crown In Panama City, hard-hitting featherweight champion, Eusebio Pedroza, knocked out South Africa's Bashaw Sibaca in the fifth round to retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) title for the 12th time.

Pedroza, 25, used his extra height and a 10-centimeter advantage in reach to punish the challenger with a series of blows to the head and body.

Sibaca, 29, and veteran of 89 fights, tried to go on the offensive from the opening bell

Martina gets past Chris

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 6 (Agencies) — Martina Navratilova won a magnificent victory over fellow-American Chris Evert Lloyd in the final of the Toyota Australian Women's Open at Kooyong Stadium Sunday. Navratilova, 25, won 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 in a marathon final lasting two and a half hours.

It was Navratilova's first Grand Slam title since she beat Lloyd in the Wimbledon Open in 1978 and 1979. She picked up \$34,000 first prize money and the win also gave her the Toyota Series bonus pool point score by a margin of 20 for an additional \$125,000 and two cars.

Navratilova wept tears of joy in her court-side chair after the match. Her coach Renee Richards raised her index finger in the stand indicating that her player was the number one. This season's big four events have now been split with Lloyd winning Wimbledon, Hana Mandlikova winning the French Open,

Tracy Austin the U.S. Open and now Navratilova the Australian Open.

The final set was one of the most dramatic finishes in the tournament's history. Navratilova broke Lloyd's opening service in the third set and ran up a 5-1 lead. But Lloyd won four games in a row to keep the match alive. Navratilova broke Lloyd's serve in the 11th game and held serve to 30 to take the match. Lloyd was forced into a tie breaker in the first set. Navratilova showed her doggedness by staying in the match and winning the second set.

Lloyd said Navratilova is a "great player." "If I am going to lose to anybody it might just as well be her," Lloyd said. Navratilova said she was nervous as the match drew to a close.

Anne Smith and Kathy Jordan of the United States defeated compatriots Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver 6-3, 7-5 in the doubles final.

Miandad in another clash Greg shines in Aussies' win

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Australian captain Greg Chappell clashed angrily with Pakistan captain Javed Miandad in a limited over international cricket match at the Adelaide Oval Sunday.

Chappell repeatedly jabbed his finger at Miandad and waved his bat about angrily as he was leaving the ground after being dismissed for 38. Later Australian players accused Miandad of swearing at Chappell but umpire Richard French, who was standing only 12 meters from Miandad, maintained he heard nothing and will make no report against him.

Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee was suspended for two matches following an ugly incident in the Perth Test in which he kicked Miandad. There is little love lost between the two teams and it was a source of much satisfaction to the Australians to win Sunday's match comfortably scoring 208 restricting

Pakistan to 170 for eight.

Chappell won the man of the match award for his innings of 38 and his three for 31 from 10 overs. On a fast, true Adelaide pitch not a single half century was scored in the match. Graeme Wood top-scored with 43 not out while Zaheer Abbas was the top Pakistan batsman with 38.

The Australians have now joined Pakistan at the top of the table in the Benson and Hedges World Series with two wins each but Pakistan have played four games to Australia's three.

The West Indies are still favorites for the competition although they have had only one win from their three matches with a loss to Australia in Sydney and Saturday's remarkable loss to Pakistan in Adelaide after scoring only 132 on a perfect pitch in reply to Pakistan's 140.

Score-board

Table showing Australia's score: B. Laird lbw Sikanender, R. Darling run out, G. Chappell c Raja b Ejaz, A. Border c Raja b Mudassar, K. Hughes c Mudassar b Sarfraz, G. Wood not out, R. Marsh c Asraf b Mudassar, G. Lawson b Sarfraz, D. Lillee c Sarfraz b Inuran, J. Thompson b Inuran, T. Alderman c Asraf b Inuran, Extras, Total.

Table showing Pakistan's score: Mudassar Nazir run out, Mohsin Khan c Marsh b Chappell, Zaheer Abbas c Alderman b Lawson, Javed Miandad c Alderman b Chappell, Wasim Raja c Darling b Lawson, Inuran Khan c Darling b Alderman, Ejaz Faiz c Marsh b Thompson, Sarfraz Nawaz c Darling b Chappell, Tahir Nagesh not out, Asraf Ali not out, Extras, Total (for 8 wickets).

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-84, 3-103, 4-136, 5-136, 6-169, 7-176, 8-187, 9-199.

Bowling: Inuran 9.3-3-19-3, Sarfraz 10.0-4-4-2, Sikanender 9.0-29-1, Ejaz 7.0-43-1, Zaheer 6.0-41-0, Mudassar 7.0-25-2.

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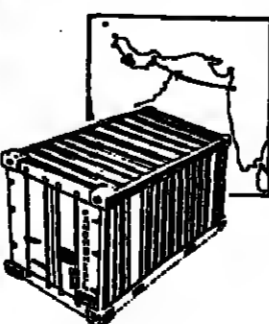
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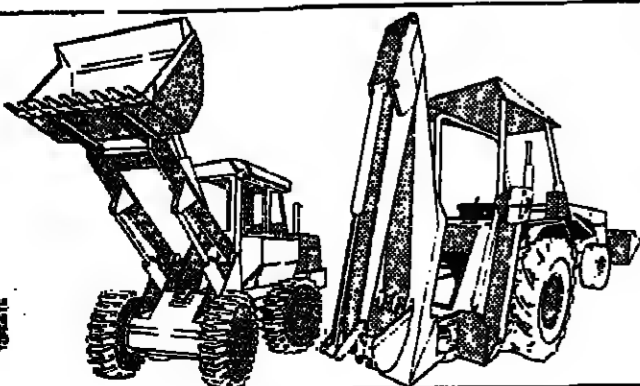
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Radio Jeddah MONDAY

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Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Dessert wine
5 Picture puzzle
10 Potpourri
11 Authority
12 Church service
13 Hi-fi's bass and -
14 Junkyard, for one
16 Pro vote
17 Disfeature
18 Craze
19 Tarry
21 A snap
22 Heavenly sight
23 German composer
24 Bellow
25 French painter
26 The works
27 The "It Girl"
28 Ex-chess champion
29 Forget
34 Extra-base hit
36 Gunther's "Inside -"
37 Printed quantity
38 Cessation
39 American symbol
40 Lag about DOWN
1 Pippin or pear

2 Palm leaf
3 Ascend
4 Pitch
5 More infrequent
6 Night before
7 Gangster Nelson's nickname
8 Set free
9 Unrelenting
11 Meander
15 Esau's grandson
19 Playing for time
20 Black substance
21 Attention
22 Sun rooms
23 One is "super"
24 Unnerve
25 Gift recipient
27 WWII's Battle of the -
30 Toward the sunrise
31 Regarding
32 Uprising
33 Neck part
35 Intimate

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
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Famous Hand

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to the ace and a trump back to the king.

When East showed out, declarer's stock plummeted sharply - and indeed the contract now looked hopeless unless he could find West with the king of spades. However, Hamman was not inclined to stake the outcome on that one possibility, so he embarked on a course of play designed to make the hand regardless of who had the king.

At trick four he led a diamond to the ace, then ruffed a club and led another diamond towards dummy. This time, however, instead of going up with the king, Hamman inserted the ten, forcing East to win with the queen. This play had a sensational effect when East suddenly found that, regardless of what he returned, South would make the contract.

If he elected to return a spade, Hamman would win with the queen and start running the diamonds. No matter how West chose to defend, he could not prevent South from discarding two spades on dummy's fourth and fifth diamonds.

Nor could East do any better by returning a club after winning the ten of diamonds at trick six. In that case South would discard a spade from his hand, ruffing the club in dummy, and would again launch his parade of diamonds.

West led a club and Hamman, who had no idea the contract was about to present unexpected difficulties, made the routine play of a low trump

NORTH
♦ A 4 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ 7 3

WEST
♦ 8 7 6
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ J 7 3
♣ 10 6 5

EAST
♦ K 5 2
♥ 2
♦ Q 5
♣ K Q J 8 4 2

SOUTH
♦ Q J 10 9
♥ K J 9 4 3
♦ 6 4 2
♣ A

The bidding:
North 1♣ East 3♣ South 3♥ West 4♥

Opening lead - five of clubs.

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Morning
7:45 Religious Program
8:00 News
8:10 Light Music
8:15 Before My Magazine
8:45 Customs Rules
9:00 News
9:03 Pakistan's Progress Path

Evening
7:15 Religious Program
7:30 Religious Program
4:46 Old Masters (Music)
5:15 Historical Notes
6:45 One Post
6:00 News
6:00 News
6:15 Press Review
6:20 On This Day
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Your Individual Horoscope
Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1981

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
A little relaxation will help you cope with today's work-related problems. The late evening finds you back in the swing of things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Problems in interpersonal relationships may concern you. It's best to stay out of the way of those who seem to be cantankerous.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your hunches are right, but it's not the best time to act on them - particularly at work. Friends prove bothersome in the evening.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Restrain that impulse to give advice to others. Though your assessment may be accurate, they will not tolerate any criticism.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Joint financial affairs concern you now. It will be hard to reach agreements with others. Home-based concerns interfere with travel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
It's not the time to raise issues with close ties, or a power struggle could ensue. Work from behind the scenes for real progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Trying too hard can inhibit creativity, especially on the job. Give your intuition a chance to work by practicing relaxation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Don't overdo on the social circuit or you'll overtire yourself. Avoid late-afternoon extravagance and get sufficient rest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Don't take office problems home with you. You can't expect others to sacrifice for your ambitions. Friendly advisers are helpful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
It's difficult to convince others now. No use wasting words on one who has his mind already made up. Seek sound financial advice.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
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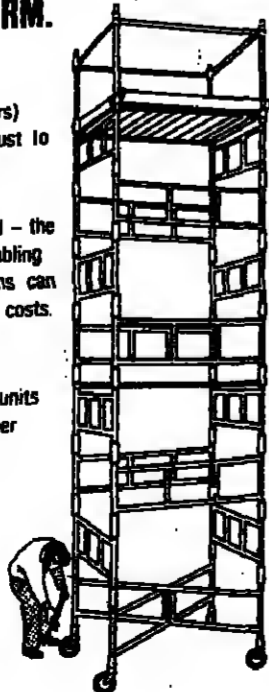
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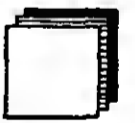
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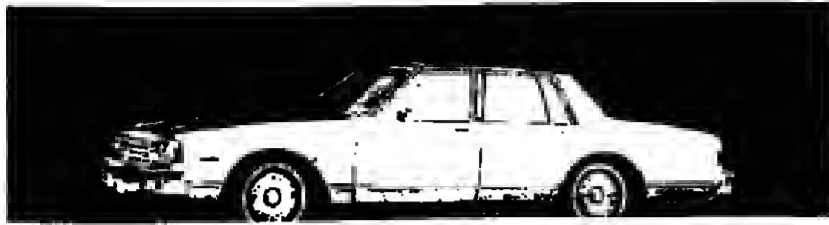


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Spain cracks down on troops

MADRID, Dec. 6 (AP) — Spain's government and armed forces began a crackdown Sunday on 100 army officers and enlisted men after they signalled new military unrest by publicly expressing sympathy for jailed armed forces leaders who tried to overthrow the Spanish government nine months ago.

The Spanish High Command ordered the army men — 25 captains, 21 lieutenants and 54 enlisted men from Madrid's military region — to return to barracks immediately for investigation of breach of army discipline. Sunday was the third anniversary of the nation's democratic constitution.

The order was given after Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo consulted with key cabinet members early Sunday and Defense Minister Alberto Oliart interrupted a holiday weekend to return to Madrid. The nation was calm and there were no reports of military alerts.

The new spurt of unrest comes as King Juan Carlos, who personally squelched last February's coup attempt, was out of the

country for an official visit to the United Arab Emirates.

A foreign ministry spokesman said the king retired late Saturday without receiving news of a public statement by the army men distributed Saturday at midnight. The statement accused the press of "attacks, insults and defamations" against the armed forces, demanded that the nation's elected civilian government "respect the autonomy of the armed forces."

It also praised the "courage and professionalism" of 32 military men, including three generals, who tried to overthrow the government Feb. 23 by organizing and leading the storming of parliament. The entire lower house and government were held hostage at gunpoint for 18 hours. The army men said only a court martial could decide "the honorableness or not of the conduct" of the men who attempted the coup.

The statement signed by the 100 army men pledged to defend the fatherland but made no mention of the nation's democratic constitution. Only a few Spanish flags, mostly on public buildings, fluttered Sunday in support

of the constitution.

Among the signers of the statement were Capt. Blas Pinar, son of Spain's leader of the ultra-right New Force Party, and Capt. Jose San Martin, son of a colonel accused of military rebellion in the coup attempt.

In asking respect for the armed forces and an end to the alleged attacks on the military by the press, the statement said that for the Spanish military to complete its mission "it did not need to be professionalized, democratized or purged," but rather to be given "the material means to complete its objectives." There was no elaboration.

A government source, who asked not to be named, said the government had known about the statement in advance but believed it had been blocked from distribution. Premier Calvo Sotelo said two days ago that he saw no risk of another coup in Spain and that the country would hold 1983 general elections as scheduled. In swift response to the inflammatory right-wing manifesto, Calvo Sotelo at 1 a.m. Sunday ordered cabinet members to go to their ministries and stand by for instructions.

Italian guard gunned down in reprisal

ROME, Dec. 6 (AFP) — A carabinieri officer of Italy's paramilitary police was fatally shot in central Rome early Sunday while on guard outside a fire station. Carabinieri Romano Radizi, 38, died soon after reaching a hospital.

An anonymous caller claimed responsibility in the name of the "Armed Revolutionary Cells" (ARC). "This attack will avenge the murder of the Camerata (militant neofascist) Alessandro Alibrandi" (a terrorist killed Saturday night in Rome), said the spokesman in a noon telephone call to the Ansa press agency in Milan.

The Digo, Italy's anti-terrorist squad, launched a dragnet through the center of the capital shortly after Sunday's shooting.

In Saturday's night's incident, two policemen were wounded when four right-wing extremists disguised as financial police officers — Alibrandi among them — ambushed a patrol car in a north Rome suburb.

Alibrandi was identified as one of the Digo's most sought after suspects, the son of an appeals court judge. He died in a hospital of a head wound. The other three escaped. The ARC is held responsible for the Aug. 2, 1980, bombing of the Bologna railway station in which 85 persons were killed.

First reports of Sunday's attack said the shots were fired from a car. Traces of blood in the roadway caused police to believe one of the two gunmen was wounded by companions of the dead officer.

Meanwhile it was learned Sunday that on Thursday police arrested five left-wing extremists, including a former leader of the Priva Linea group, 23-year-old Francesco D'Ursi — sentenced in absentia last June to 14 years' jail for "organizing an armed group."

D'Ursi quit Priva Linea for the rival terrorist organization, the Red Brigades, last March, at the time of the kidnapping of prominent Christian Democrat Ciriaco De Mita.

He subsequently left the brigades to form an autonomous group. He and a companion were identified on the Naples-Milan train, and surrendered quietly to Digo officers.

D'Ursi was carrying "strategic resolutions" of the Red Brigades concerning the kidnapping and subsequent murder on July 6 of Giuseppe Talercio, an executive of the Montedison Chemical group. Sources said the other three suspected left-wing terrorists were picked up later thanks to documents found on D'Ursi.

Child genius outpaces 530 Oxford aspirants

OXFORD, Southern England, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Child prodigy Ruth Lawrence has come first out of 530 woman applicants in a mathematics examination for Oxford University. She is 10 years old. Ruth will have to pass five more examinations in the next two years before being able to enter Oxford in 1983, when she will be 12. She is at present studying at a college in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, Northern England, in a class where her classmates are 18 and 19.

Her comments on the three-part examination that she passed with flying colors: "I felt I could have done better." Her parents are both computer experts. Ruth's ambition — to teach maths.

French local deputies escape bombing attacks

TOULOUSE, Southern France, Dec. 6 (AFP) — Two unsuccessful bombing attacks were made against the homes of local Socialist deputies early Sunday morning, but there were no casualties, police said here.

A home-made bomb was put beside the letter box of Jacques Roger-Michard, a local Toulouse deputy. The bomb exploded at about 2 a.m., causing minor damage. A pamphlet said the bomb was the work of a movement which opposed building a nuclear power plant at nearby Golfech.

Solidarity plans guards, rally against repression

WARSAW, Dec. 6 (R) — Leaders of the Warsaw branch of the Solidarity free trade union Sunday debated proposals to establish permanent worker guards and a call for nationwide protest rallies in response to what they see as a crackdown on the union.

The proposals were drafted at a two-day meeting of broad delegates in an angry mood following police action to dislodge striking firemen cadets from their academy. "We have a proposal to set up permanent worker guards to ensure that we are adequately protected in future," the Warsaw Solidarity spokesman, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, said.

He said this would be the union's response to what he called increasing police violence. The union reported that police had detained activists and prevented them from sticking up posters in two cities over the weekend.

Onyszkiewicz said leaders of the powerful Warsaw branch were also drafting a resolution calling on the union's national commission to approve a campaign of coordinated protest rallies across the country. "If the rallies are spread over the country, the authorities will not be able to concentrate their forces," he said.

Solidarity's national commission is scheduled to meet later this week and has already been presented with a major policy document laying down union demands for joining a Communist-sponsored national front and threatening strikes if the government is equipped with emergency laws.

The Sejm (parliament) is also due to meet

this week and the ruling Communist Party has called on its deputies to vote an emergency law which could outlaw strikes and meetings.

The Solidarity policy document, drawn up by regional chiefs in Radom on Friday, calls for a 24-hour strike when the law is passed and an indefinite general strike once it is applied.

Delegates at the Warsaw meeting said it was necessary to find alternatives to strikes as the authorities no longer cared about work stoppages, except in sensitive areas like armaments factories.

The union's Warsaw leader, Zbigniew Bujak, said Solidarity faced two options — to fall back on strictly matters or to press ahead with demands for self-government in factories and representative bodies. "Like everyone here he favored the second option," Onyszkiewicz said.

Meanwhile, the Polish postal system is overwhelmed by a flood of food parcels, arriving from abroad at a rate of between 10,000 and 15,000 a day.

According to Polish television the number of parcels, arriving by plane, ship or train, is unprecedented and threatens to paralyze the usual work. The situation is likely to get even worse with an expected increase in food parcels just before Christmas.

Postmen are currently delivering some 27,000 parcels a day, but those stockpiled in post office number over 170,000. Postal employees, mostly women in this country, must now handle an average 20 tons a day.

Eanes ends 3-nation African tour

LISBON, Dec. 6 (AP) — Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes returned here Sunday at the end of a three-nation African tour set to boost ties between Europe and Africa.

In brief remarks on arrival at Lisbon's Portela Airport, the president said talks with leaders in Mozambique, Zambia and Tanzania during his trip covered "all questions, without prejudice, opening the way for healthy cooperation."

Speaking of Portugal's position as a colonial power up to 1975, he said his discussions with Presidents Samora Machel, Kenneth Kaunda and Julius Nyerere "will simplify resolution of any (diplomatic) problems that may come up" with the three front-line states.

Eanes, who issued joint statements in the three African capitals calling for independence for South-West Africa, also known as Namibia, through the provisions of the United Nations' resolution 435, and condemned recent South African military attacks inside Angola, referred to the trip as an expression of Portuguese foreign policy, "based on mutual respect." The presidential sojourn laid the groundwork for various

technical, economic, trade and cultural agreements between Lisbon and the three African states.

Mozambique, which gained independence from Portugal in June 1975 after 10 years of bitter bush fighting by the ruling Frelimo party, represented the high point of Eanes' trip. The 46-year-old president's visit to Maputo was the first by a Portuguese head of state to the former colony. Signaling the apparent success of the visit, Mozambican President Samora Machel sent Eanes a congratulatory message Saturday in Dar-es-Salaam extolling Portugal as "the privileged partner" of Southern Africa in its relations with the West.

8 die in U.S. plane crash

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Dec. 6 (AFP) — At least eight persons were feared dead when a twin-engine passenger plane crashed in Pearl Harbor just west of here Saturday night.

Of the 13 persons in the plane one is known to have survived. Meanwhile, U.S. Navy personnel from Pearl Harbor base have been searching for the four other persons who were aboard.

U.S. to urge stronger NATO defenses

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 6 (AP) — The United States, newly embarked on missile reduction talks with the Soviet Union, will ask north Atlantic allies this week to strengthen defenses against Soviet power abroad and the anti-nuclear movement at home.

At a meeting of Western alliance defense ministers Tuesday and Wednesday, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger is expected to ask the allies to stick to commitments to spend as much money as possible on defense.

Then, on Thursday, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and 14 other foreign ministers will present protocol aimed at strengthening the alliance by adding Spain to the list of members by mid-1982.

Both U.S. officials will ask NATO governments to take the offensive in a battle to win popular support for strong defenses while hundreds of thousands of Europeans are marching in anti-nuclear demonstrations.

The alliance's annual year-end strategy session begins eight days after the start of U.S.-Soviet negotiations to limit intermediate nuclear forces in Europe.

U.S. negotiators went to the talks in Geneva, Switzerland, with an offer to forgo deployment of 572 Cruise and Pershing 11 missiles in five European countries in return for sweeping cuts in the number of Soviet SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 missiles.

Weinberger and Haig are expected to give the allies a brief progress report on the talks.

In return, the ministers will issue communications expressing satisfaction that the talks have begun, NATO sources said.

The agenda for the defense ministers' meeting includes the nuts and bolts of NATO defense, goals for 1982 spending and how much each nation will contribute to NATO forces. No major decisions on global strategy are expected.

A NATO diplomat said the alliance had hoped to issue a comparison between Soviet and NATO forces, but that it wasn't ready in time for the meeting.

He said that although the United States plans to make large increases in its own defense budget for 1982, the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan has stopped a campaign to get the allies to make annual three percent increases in defense spending.

The three percent annual goal, instituted in 1977, is still part of NATO doctrine, but European countries, faced with grave economic problems and rising social program costs, are seeking a new way to measure defense capability.

"The three percent still stands as a goal, but we're not going to hit each other over the head with it any more," the diplomat said. "Nevertheless, the Americans are still seeking a strong allied commitment to defense."

He said both the defense and foreign ministers would spend much time discussing ways to convince the public of the need for strong

defenses. U.S. officials have expressed concern that anti-nuclear demonstrations in recent months, culminating in a march by 300,000 persons in Amsterdam Nov. 21, are weakening European defense resolve.

Weinberger and Haig also are expected to have crucial talks with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, who will attend the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions in his role as defense minister.

Papandreu's Socialist government took office Oct. 18 after running on an anti-NATO platform. He argued before the election that Greece gives more than it gets back from membership in NATO and that U.S. bases in Greece should be closed.

He said last month that Greece intended to withdraw from the military wing of the alliance if NATO did not provide guarantees against aggression from Turkey, another NATO member. Weinberger told reporters in Fez, Morocco, last week he would try to convince Papandreu of the need for full Greek participation in NATO and the necessity of U.S. bases in Greece.

"We do not anticipate having to leave Greece and we have no reason to suppose that will be the case," Weinberger said. "We hope that on further reflection and awareness of the benefits to Greece of American participation they would want us to stay."

Weinberger arrives in Brussels Monday from Italy where he met Italian defense officials and U.S. military leaders. He meets NATO defense ministers Tuesday and Wednesday and then goes to London.

Haig arrives from Washington on Wednesday for private meetings with Papandreu and some foreign ministers, before attending the formal session of the NATO foreign ministers' council Thursday and Friday.

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